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Town parking survey planned for New Year

LIZZY BUCHAN

NEWMARKET'S "grave" parking problems will be in the spotlight as the county council is forced to embark on a review due to complaints from residents about visitors parking in the town.

Bosses at Forest Heath District Council have commissioned Suffolk County Council to consult with Newmarket residents in two areas of the town centre where shoppers and commuters are thought to be parking their cars.

These include streets in the area bounded by Rowley Drive, Exeter Road and Fred Archer Way and a section on the other side of the High Street from The Avenue up to Old Station Road, bounded by Granary Road.

A county council spokeswoman said: "The county council's highways team were asked by Forest Heath District Council to carry out a study into parking for residents around the High Street as complaints had been received regarding parking difficulties, due to shoppers and shop staff also parking in the area.

"An informal consultation was carried out with local councillors and it was agreed that a residents' consultation will take place early in the new year."

The study will include a residents' questionnaire and on-street surveys.

Potential solutions have divided opinion.

Artist Jacquie Jones, who lives in Rous Road, said: "I think there should be residents' parking.

"Nobody can park when they visit and you can't stay in the car parks for very long."

Another Rous Road resident, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed and said: "Lots of people who park here work in offices in town and they come at 7am so it makes it difficult for us."

Parking congestion is also a "grave problem" in Exeter Road, where town councillor and racehorse trainer John Berry has his yard.

He said he had been approached by residents asking whether the street could become a residents' parking zone.

He said: "Parking is a grave problem in lots of the streets by the town centre.

"It is really good they are conducting a survey but finding a complete solution to the problem will be easier said than done."

However a resident of nearby Lisburn Road said it was pointless. "It is a terrible problem but you can't make it better," he said. "We have had this kind of survey two or three times before and nothing happens.

"What's the point in paying for a year's permit if you might have to park a mile away as there are too many cars on your street anyway?"

The town's pocket car parks would need to be open longer if residents parking was brought in according to business owner Tolly Considine.

Tolly, owner of Tolly's Flowers in Rous Road, said: "Parking is difficult in Newmarket full stop.

"We could do with people being able to park for longer, so if they have an appointment they also have time to have a coffee or lunch and do some shopping and not be rushing off to move their car."

Free parking in the town's car parks would encourage shoppers, he said, but there was no money to pay for it.

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WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE PARKING PROBLEMS?
Would you be in favour of residents' parking permits?

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Let there be... Christmas!

MAYOR Geoffrey Jaggard lights up the Christmas tree at the town's big switch-on event last night. See Pages 4 and 5 – and the website – for story and photos.

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LET THERE BE LIGHT: Anglesey Abbey's Winter Lights. Picture by Alistair Grant/bokeh photographic

Stately home is all lit up for winter

BEAUTIFUL gardens were bathed in lights for the opening weekend of a winter festival.

Families descended on Anglesey Abbey, Gardens, and Lode Mill, at the weekend for the annual Winter Lights Festival.

The Riverside paths and the Winter Garden at the Jacobean-style house, were illuminated each night to show off the gardens in an unusual way.

Visitors enjoyed munching on roast chestnuts and listening to the sounds of jazz band Hat Trick who played amongst the trees.

Performers meandered through the crowds keeping them entertained with various tricks and stunts.

The sell–out event will run for the next two weekends until December 15.

A14 toll plans to be scrapped

■ CHRIS HAVERGAL

CAMPAIGNERS have welcomed reports that planned tolling on the A14 will be dropped and the upgrade will be funded by the Government instead.

The Government had proposed to charge motorists £1 or £1.50, and heavy vehicles double that, to use a congestion-busting southern bypass between Cambridge and Huntingdon, but political and business leaders in Cambridgeshire had only supported tolling very reluctantly, while their counterparts in Suffolk had been opposed outright.

Now Government sources have indicated that the £1.5 billion project, construction of which is due to start in 2016, will be wholly funded by taxpayers without tolling.

An announcement is due to be made by Danny Alexander, the chief secretary to the Treasury, as part of Thursday's autumn statement.

John Bridge, chief executive of Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce, hailed the reports as a "positive step forward and a victory for common sense".

And Cllr James Waters, leader of Forest Heath District Council said: "I welcome the news that our businesses will not be put at a disadvantage by the tolling of the A14. We support early improvements to the route and see it as important an issue as broadband in growing our economy."

Motorists and businesses had been concerned about the cost of tolling, and that charging could push more traffic onto smaller roads.

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All welcome at Christmas lunch

SPEND Christmas Day enjoying a welcoming lunch.

Churches Together in Newmarket and District will host the lunch from 1pm to 4pm at the Catholic Church Hall.

Organiser Danielle Pierson said: "The goodwill in this area is outstanding. My family and I, as well as the other organisers, are looking forward to spending our Christmas Day with such a lovely group of people."

Volunteers are also needed. Book by December 17 by calling 07842 129247 or (01638) 662492 or email xmaslunch@olise.co.uk.

Rape campaign is re-launched

A CAMPAIGN aimed at raising awareness of sexual violence will be re-launched for the festive period.

The Time to Stop initiative, which began last year, will educate young men and women about the issues and show victims where to get help.

Chief Con Douglas Paxton said: "We remain as committed as ever to ensuring victims get the support they rightly deserve as well as the justice they expect. Our message to offenders also remains the same, rape is rape and there are no excuses, there is no grey area."

Go to www.suffolk.police.uk/timetostop.

Dancing Rain and her very special foal sell for £4.2m

LIZZY BUCHAN

A MARE in foal to the iconic racehorse Frankel was sold for £4.2 million on Monday – the second highest price in history for a brood mare at auction.

Dancing Rain, the unexpected winner of the Epsom Oaks in 2011, was sold at Tattersalls in Newmarket for 4 million guineas to John Ferguson, bloodstock advisor to Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum, of Godolphin.

The world record price for a broodmare is £4.83 million – or 4.6 million guineas – which was paid for Magical Romance in 2006.

Bidding started at 2 million guineas inside a packed sales ring on the first day of the December Mares Sales but in the end she failed to break the world record.

Mr Ferguson purchased the mare with one single bid after Pinar Araci, daughter of Turkish owner/breeder had bid 3.9m guineas.

Speaking afterwards Mr Ferguson said: "It really was a no-brainer.

"Sheikh Mohammed has not bought a lot of mares in recent years, but at the end of the day Sheikh Mohammed felt that, to use the old phrase, she really did tick all the boxes – she is an Oaks winner from the family of a Derby winner.

"This game is all about reducing the odds and give you the greatest chance of producing a Classic winner - buying Dancing Rain is a way of reducing those odds."

The mare, who is the daughter of Danehill Dancer, was bought as a yearling for £200,000 and is the first Oaks winner carrying her first foal offererd at public auction in the last 50 years.

Mr Ferguson said: "You can have lots of mares, but you need the jewels – Sheikh Mohammed felt that she is a jewel.

"And we haven't even got to the fact that she is in foal to Frankel."

Frankel was retired from racing last year after a 14-time unbeaten run with the late trainer Sir Henry Cecil at Warren Place, in Newmarket.

The superstar now stands at stud at Banstead Manor Stud, in Cheveley, and commands a fee of £125,000 for every mare he covers.

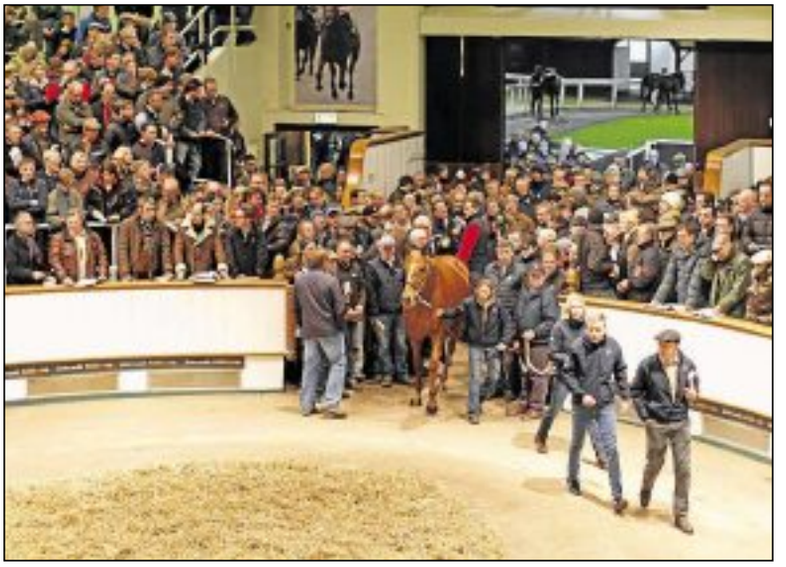
Tattersalls, which was founded in 1766, is the oldest bloodstock auctioneers in the world and hosts up to nine sales a year ranging from foals and yearlings to broodmares.

The first day of the December Mare Sale saw 203 lots sold for 18,693,000 guineas, a rise of 64 per cent on last year's figures.

The December Mare Sale continues until Thursday.

For more information go to www.tattersalls.com.

A JEWEL: Dancing Rain sold for 4 million guineas at Tattersalls on Monday night


PRETTY WOMAN: Dancing Rain enters a packed sales ring on Monday evening

Serial offender sent to jail

A MAN who stole a pick-up truck and drove it while he was disqualified and without insurance has been sentenced to 21 months in prison.

Cambridge Crown Court heard Joe Ebsworth, 26, of Croft Road, Isleham, broke into Milton Recycling Centre in November and stole the red Mitzubishi pick-up truck.

A member of the public reported seeing the vehicle in Robins Close, Isleham, and police arrested Ebsworth nearby who was in possession of the key.

A subsequent search of his home revealed other items stolen from the site, including a hard leather case, two radios and a high pressure hose.

The court heard Ebsworth had 20 previous convictions and had been given a suspended sentence in July for handling stolen goods.

Jacob Edwards, mitigating, said Ebsworth, who pleaded guilty at a previous hearing, accepted he had behaved "absolutely stupidly" and was concerned about his wife and daughter's welfare.

Ebsworth was sentenced 21 months in prison and disqualified from driving.

Nursery is 'inspirational'

A NURSERY has been described as "inspirational" by an inspector who judged it to be outstanding.

Colourbox Montessori Nursery, in Exning Road, Newmarket, has been rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted after achieving top marks in all categories during a visit on November 6.

Susie Norman, nursery director, said: "It's wonderful to have independent confirmation that Colourbox Montessori Nursery is a truly outstanding early years setting.

"This is due to the dedication of our exceptional staff who value each child as an individual."

DELIGHTED: Sandra Copping

Colourbox nursery was rated 'outstanding' in its previous inspection by the schools watchdog in 2010.

Operations manager Sandra Copping said: "She said she was stuck for words to describe the setting and then she sat back and said it was 'inspirational'.

"We are delighted as everyone does work extremely hard to keep the level at outstanding."

Lighting up for Christmas!

LIZZY BUCHAN

A FESTIVE feeling filled the air as hundreds of people took to the streets for the Christmas Carnival Evening last night.

People of all ages thronged the Memorial Hall to snap up presents from the array of stalls and pay a visit to Father Christmas in his grotto, run by the Newmarket Lions.

Chris Rawlinson, of the Lions, said: "It has been full since about 4pm and we have had long queues.

"It has been brilliant, everyone has been really supportive."

Wrapping up warm, the crowds then grabbed their lanterns and wound their way to the Clock Tower in a dazzling parade before the lights were switched on at the Christmas Tree by Newmarket's Mayor Cllr Geoffrey Jaggard.

Cllr Jaggard told the *News*: "The lanterns looked great and lots of families had worked very hard on them.

"I enjoyed myself very much.

"It is really good to see so many people."

Up at the Clock Tower visitors were serenaded by Christmas carols and filled up on hot chocolate and warming snacks.

Brave little ones scaled a climbing wall in Rutland Hill and hopped on the tea cups and waltzers for a ride.

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME: Some tall, sparkly visitors turned heads on the High Street

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Among those enjoying themselves was mum–of–three Rachel Wood, from Newmarket, with her children Bethany, 6, George, 10, and James, 8.

She said: "We've had a wonderful time.

"It looks like there were many more people this year than last year.

"It is lovely and the children have really enjoyed themselves."

Event organiser Kay Dawson said the event had gone really well and thanked all the businesses and visitors for taking part.

Ahead in the style stakes

SCHOOLCHILDREN scoured the streets to find the shop with the most stylish staff.

Toni and Guy, in the High Street, was the winner in the town council's 'Best Dressed Shop Staff' award, which is sponsored by the *Newmarket News*.

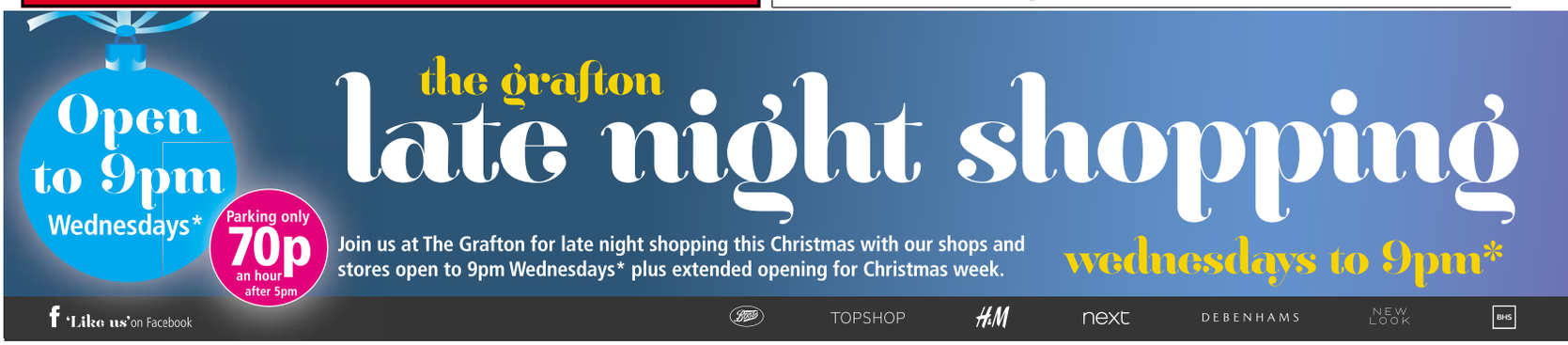
Manager Sonia Marwood said: "It was a great team effort from everyone."

Winners were chosen by Paddocks Primary School pupils Grace Fussey and Jake Boyce.

The winners received a bottle of bubbly and a trophy to display proudly in their window.

New Look, in the High Street, was declared a close runner-up.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Staff at Toni and Guy with the judges, schoolchildren Grace Fussey and Jake Boyce



Pictures by Keith Heppell

LANTERN PARADE: Children stride up the High Street with their lanterns towards the Clock Tower, where carol singers serenaded the crowd, above

>> in brief

Fire in the open

A FORMER factory went up in flames.

Firefighters were called to a fire in the open at the site in Reach Road, Burwell, at 5.25pm on November 28. Crews battled with the blaze until 6.30pm and then returned to check it was extinguished at 9.05pm.

Theft of tack

THIEVES have stolen tack and power tools from a secure yard in Gazeley.

The incident took place overnight between November 25 and 26 from a padlocked outbuilding at a yard in the village.

Equipment stolen included a garden strimmer, leaf blowers, headcollars, saddles and bridles.

Cinema showing

GET into the swing of the Roaring Twenties with a film version of a classic book.

Baz Luhrmann's version of the *The Great Gatsby* will be shown at Exning Community Church Hall on December 6 at 7.30pm.

Tickets, on the door from 7pm, are £4 for adults, £3 for children and £12 for a family (2 adults and 2+ children).

Go to www.exningcommunitychurchhall.org/village-cinema.

Flat plan back on the agenda

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

CONTROVERSIAL plans for four flats on the site of a bungalow are back before the distict council – just weeks after they were turned down.

An application for three two-bed and one one-bed flats in Windsor Road, Newmarket, was met with criticism from councillors at Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) last month who said they were 'minded to refuse' the plans which they described as overdevelopment and not in keeping with the area.

But the application is back before the committee today as officers have conducted a risk assessment and maintained their opinion the plans should be approved.

Officers said concerns about overdevelopment and design were difficult to susbstantiate and might leave the council vulnerable to appeals. In a report before the planning committee, officers said: "The most significant risk is that the applicant will lodge a successful appeal which, if the Authority is unable to defend its reason for refusal, may leave it vulnerable to an award of costs."

Officers also expressed concerns about "reputational" risk to the council if there was an appeal and any appeal might have a "reasonable prospect of success".

The report said: "Whilst the concerns of the Town Council and residents are noted... the proposal would deliver residential units wihin a sustainable location."

A planning consultant acting on behalf of the applicant said the design was an effective use of space and would provode sustainable housing.

Residents had expressed concerns on a number of grounds, including increased traffic, noise, lack of sunlight and loss of privacy from the flats overlooking the neighbours gardens.

One neighbour told the *News* she was "stunned" when she was notified the decision could be reveresd.

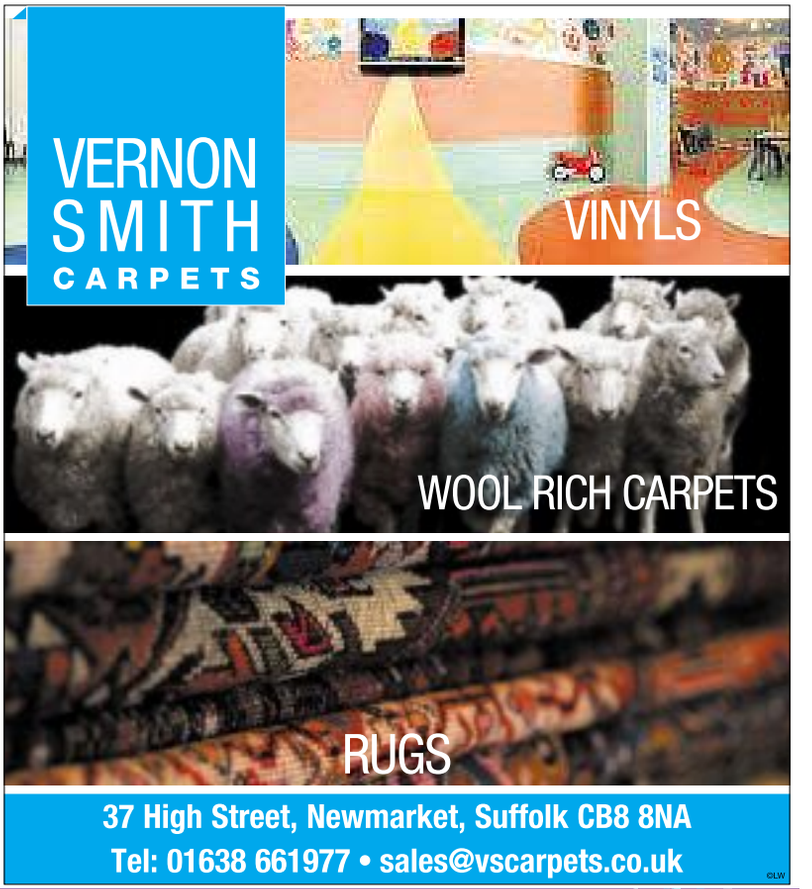
Jane Bursford, of Windsor Road, said: "I thought we had got through this battle.

"I have never heard of anything like this where you have a decision and then an officer comes along and says 'Are you sure you want to do this?'

"I don't understand how the democratic process can be overturned in this way."

The application will be discussed at 6pm at the FHDC offices in College Heath Road, Mildenhall.

For more information go to www.forest–heath.gov.uk.



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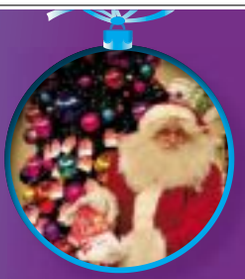

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Now, shall we move on?

OH dear, another 'spat' at Newmarket Town Council even involving resignation requests, apparently caused by a private operation on the Town Clerk for which they paid.

I know next to nothing of the constraints within which such councils operate.

Initially I, and others, thought surely they are not free to spend part of their precept of Council Tax on such matters? An independent auditor tended to concur although they said more thought should have been applied and no penalty was inflicted.

Then it was mentioned that it was more economical to pay for the operation than continue to pay the clerk's salary while on sick leave prior to and after the operation. This made financial sense.

I understand the cost was subsequently repaid to the council by one of the members who doesn't seem to be caught up in the furore.

It seems that we have been kept informed of what has been going on, whether we agree or not.

The political wings of the council may continue to bicker but in the midst of this my thoughts are with the lady concerned who has maintained a dignified silence in what must have been an embarrassing situation.

Personally I hope the operation was successful and that she is able to resume her working career.

It was best summed up by the Mayor who is quoted as saying, "The Council did what it thought was best....." and furthermore hoped they could put the business behind them.

I say "Hear, hear" to that. We all make mistakes and one hopes they learn from them otherwise their reputation will be tarnished.

Laurie Offord
Churchill Ave
Newmarket

Out of touch

I AM writing with disgust after the meeting on Monday which I attended at the Memorial Hall. The Council do not seem to understand – the report from the auditor said they did wrong yet they still believe they did the right thing. They are out of touch and I felt the conservatives were bullying the Labour and independents.

Shirley Crickmere, councillor and family member of the Town Clerk, admitted she voted to spend the money on the private operation – yet no one picked up on this conflict of interest!

They keep saying they saved money because they would have to pay sick pay or employ someone additional; yet sick pay is in the budget as it is just normal pay to the town clerk and the deputy they had just employed would have been able to cover any absence – in effect the job she is employed to do! And a point on that issue is the deputy Town Clerk has since resigned!

It is a sorry state of affairs and I believe a complaint should be made and the points I have mentioned be investigated.

And still they think they did the right thing! Out of touch and should be out of the council!

Chris O'Neill
Newmarket

Heads must roll

PAYING for this operation was a misappropriation of taxpayers' money.

All of the Newmarket Town Council should stand down except for the three who voted against this.

Councillor Warwick Hirst, the main culprit, should have stood down at the meeting last Monday evening.

It is not acceptable for Councillor Jaggard to say"I just hope we can get together and do what we are supposed to be doing for the town" - they no longer have the trust of the people.

Unless Cllr Hirst and the rest of the council stand down (except for the three) this matter is not going to go to bed.

Suffolk County Council should have told Newmarket Town Council that it was total "misappropriation" of council monies.

I feel very strongly about this and will continue to call for heads to roll.

Christine Lomas
Newmarket

Safety is *all* of our concerns

NICOLE Sloman (letters, November 28th) might like to know that I have some knowledge of Newmarket, racehorses and transport, having worked for Newmarket Racehorse Transport for the past 15 years – and previously in the West Country.

Not a small part of my knowledge has been garnered from many hours listening to – and discussing with – racing staff and, occasionally, trainers, sundry aspects of racing.

When driving around Newmarket I am looking out not only for staff riding horses but also in consideration of the horses and staff I am transporting. However, over the years, I have, on a few occasions, been nearly caught out by horses suddenly appearing on crossings or looming out of the darkness and fog.

Health and safety is a mutual concept. Drivers, for example, owe a duty of care to other road users including horse riders and riders equally owe a duty of care to others. Further, under employers liability, trainers owe a duty of care to staff and vice versa and each should be aware of their responsibilities.

An essential element of health and safety is to avoid or reduce risks and hazards.

Horses have, as Ms Sloman says, been an integral part of Newmarket for centuries, famously back to the time of Charles II. However, Newmarket was first a staging post for London coaches and a market town.

Horses and their connections have no divine rights: that fiction ended when Charles I had his head chopped off.

Newmarket is not a racing village tucked down a side road like Lambourn. The days are gone, I believe, when horses could safely amble along the High Street and side streets.

Newmarket is a town. Some suggest it is not possible to train in an urban environment. I must disagree.

On the topic of Hatchfield Farm, I will merely reiterate that the appeal on the previous Application concluded that even that larger development would have no adverse effect on racing interests.

Ms Sloman writes that youngsters have nothing to do and the shops are not worth shopping in. Why have racing interests not provided or sought to improve such facilities? The simple answer is money.

The cricket pavilion on the Severals was kindly sponsored by Sheikh Mohammed – as have other town projects been. I am not certain, but I believe, that the cricket ground on Godolphin land could have been available for more general use but the use was limited to racing interests under Racing Policy.

I have respect for Mr Botti as a trainer but feel he was ill advised to build his stables in Snailwell Road and add to the hazard in the area. Currently his horses have to negotiate crossing both the Snailwell and Fordham Roads before recrossing at the main crossing.

There is a possible solution to this problem which is no way as difficult as tunnelling through the Alps to Italy but would require similar goodwill.

Newmarket must not be insular. It must be vibrant.

It cannot become entrenched by the dogma associated with the much quoted and vaunted Racing policy. Newmarket must progress.

If we do not go forward we get nowhere.

What right have I to postulate my theories ?

None at all.

However, I feel it would be remiss of me not to forward them for consideration.

Andrew Appleby
St Albans
Newmarket

For the record...

FOR the record, Andrew Appleby mis-quoted me last week (Letters, November 27th).

What I actually said was that 'some' people who work in racing stables in Newmarket can earn as much as £50,000. This is true.

Whatever axe Mr Appleby has to grind against the Save Historic Newmarket Action Group, he might like, in future, to get his facts right.

Rachel Hood

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>> Mildenhall

FINE FRECKENHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR

The annual Christmas Fair was held in the village hall at Freckenham with a wide variety of stalls selling crafts and gifts and food.

Christmassy refreshments were on sale, including mulled wine.

RUGBY

Mildenhall Red Lodge 54, Felixstowe 17 points.

The scoreline shows very clearly that the home side were very comfortable winners on a very chilly afternoon. Yet at times the visitors showed no little skill, well deserving of their three tries, one of them contested.

But in a match which was littered with errors, the marauding Mildenhall Red Lodge showed much more space outside the scrum which Felixstowe could never cope with, with some woeful tackling helping them to score eight times, all but one of them having the goal points added.

Once Mildenhall Red Lodge realised that attack was indeed the best form of defence, their pace outside the scrum, allied to some hard work by their lively pack, deservedly gave them the spoils – though the post match gee-up by their captain made it clear that future games will be far more difficult, particularly against the 'Top Three' clubs of the Eastern Counties II League.

John Barker

Mum amazed by kindness after son's wheelchair stolen

LIZZY BUCHAN

A MOTHER has described the "amazing generosity" she has received after the theft of her disabled son's wheelchair.

Claire Hall, 39, was devastated when thieves stole her silver Peugeot 106 earlier this month – with 3-year-old James' specially-adapted Delphi Pro wheelchair inside.

James suffers from cerebral palsy, which has left him visually impaired and unable to walk.

Claire, a paediatric intensive care nurse at Addenbrooke's, said: "I am utterly devastated and can't believe anybody could be so heartless as to deny an innocent disabled child his much-needed wheelchair."

The mum-of-two said the wheelchair was the only way to feed James safely when he was out of the house and a temporary chair was unsafe.

James' chair cost £4,552 but Mrs Hall said her insurance would only cover £1,000.

But Riverwalk School, in Bury St Edmunds, where James is a pupil, has stepped in to use their emergency fund to pay for a new wheelchair for James.

Claire said: "Words cannot express the gratitude I feel.

"A moment of crisis has resulted in the most amazing generosity."

She is now leading a fundraising drive to pay back the school for their generosity,

Her son Henry, 6, is a pupil at Moulton Primary School where parents have rallied round to help along with the Living by Giving Trust which launched an appeal on Monday and has already raised more than £300.

Help has come from ASDA, Darkside Tattoo in Red Lodge, staff at Addenbrookes', and villagers in Barrow where the family lives.

Claire said: "It is heartening to know that there are so many people out there who are willing to go out of their way to help those in need.

"I now want to repay that generosity by helping others who may be in need."

If the money raised exceeds the cost of a new wheelchair, it will go towards a new hydrotherapy pool for Riverwalk School.

To donate go to www.bmycharity.com/Make-JamesSmile.

OVERWHELMED: Claire Hall with her sons Henry, 6, left, and James, 3, whose wheelchair was stolen Picture by Richard Marsham

Chaplain to lead last carol service

A LONG-STANDING chaplain will perform his last fundraising carol service.

Rev Graham Locking will lead the annual Racing Welfare carol concert for the last time before he leaves in August for a new appointment in West Sussex.

Rev Locking said: "This time of celebration has become one of the highlights of my year, and I wish to thank the committee for all their support over the years."

The concert will take place at Tattersalls, in Newmarket, on December 11 at 7.15pm.

Adults' tickets cost £10 including a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Children's tickets cost £3 include festive squash and a gift.

Buy tickets from Tindalls, in High Street, or call Racing Welfare on (01638) 56076.

FAREWELL: Rev Graham Locking

Help abandoned pets at Christmas

DIG deep to help abandoned animals this Christmas.

Pets at Home, in Oaks Drive, Newmarket, is running a 'Santa Paws' appeal throughout December for its fourth year where customers can buy an extra gift or make a donation to benfit a number of animal welfare charities.

Manager Lucy Wood said: "Not every pet is lucky enough to be treated at Christmas and that's why we are launching our Santa Paws appeal again this year."

She said: "Customers simply pay for their gift at the till and receive a sticker to place on the product.

"The gift can then be placed in the charity collection bin found in store.

"We will then invite local rescue centres to come in and collect whatever has been donated."

Shoppers can also help to buy a pet a Christmas dinner for just a 50p donation.

The appeal is run in partnership with charity Support Adoption For Pets, an independent charity established by Pets at Home.

For more information, call (01638) 663674 or go to www.petsathome.com.

>> in brief

Not guilty plea

A man is to stand trial accused of an attack in Newmarket.

Jack Ison, 22, pleaded not guilty to assault causing actual bodily harm at Ipswich Crown Court on Friday.

It is alleged that Ison, of Newmarket Road, Cambridge, attacked another man in Newmarket town centre on March 13.

Judge John Devaux said Ison will continue to be granted bail until the trial takes place in January.

Blood donation

DONATE a pint of blood at a series of sessions.

Burwell Community Sports Centre will host session on December 18 from 1.30pm to 3.20pm and 4.30pm to 7pm.

Newmarket Leisure Centre will have a session on December 16 at the same times and there will also be a session in Memorial Hall on December 23.

Call 0300 123 23 23.

Waitrose trees

IN an article headlined 'Children enjoy setting down roots' in last week's *Newmarket News*, it stated Waitrose donated three trees rather than 30.

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FEELING FESTIVE: Geoff Muench and Lynn Bowser with their charity Christmas cards

Cards for good causes go on sale

GET a double rush of festive joy by snapping up Christmas cards from a range of charities.

Cards for Good Causes has set up shop in The Stable, High Street, Newmarket, where shoppers can buy cards from charities including the Animal Health Trust, East Anglian Air Ambulance and St Nicholas Hospice Care. Geoff Muench, Newmarket shop manager, said: "We are delighted to be back in Newmarket. Everyone is so generous and really helps us raise more for our charities.

"Charity cards are a great way to buy once and give twice – once to the person who receives the card and once to your favourite charity."

The Cards for Good Causes shop, which is staffed by volunteers, is open Monday from 10am until 4pm and from 9am until 4pm Tuesday to Saturday. It will trade until Thursday, December 19.

The Newmarket branch is one of 300 all over the country.

Man who posted drugs loses assets

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

A FATHER-of-four who tried to send illegal drugs through the post, has been ordered to hand over his remaining assets by a judge.

Paul Pinner's plans were scuppered in May last year when a keen-nosed member of staff at Red Lodge post office noticed the smell of cannabis coming from a parcel.

Police were called to the scene and officers opened the package to find it contained not only cannabis but also a quantity of amphetamines – both of which are class B drugs.

Pinner, of Ash Court, in Red Lodge, appeared at Ipswich Crown Court in July of this year where he was subsequently ordered to complete 180 hours of unpaid community work by the judge.

He had pleaded guilty to two offences of attempting to supply a controlled drug and one offence of possession of cannabis.

Pinner, 42, returned to Ipswich Crown Court on Friday for a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing, which is designed to recoup as much as possible from what Pinner had gained through his offending.

The court heard that specialist financial investigators had established Pinner's benefit from offending amounted to £10,000.

His available assets were valued at just £1,500.

Mr Recorder Peter Wallis ordered Pinner to hand over his remaining £1,500 within the next three months or face 30 days imprisonment as punishment.

When Pinner was sentenced in July of this year, the court was told that he regularly sent legitimate parcels through Red Lodge post office, in Bennett Road.

Rory Keene, mitigating, told the hearing the attempt to send the drugs had been an isolated incident and involved only a "modest" amount of illegal substances.

Mr Keene said the package containing the drugs had originally been destined to be sent to a friend of Pinner's.

Make sure you have the right licence

SCRAP metal dealers are warned to check they have the right licence ahead of a police crack down across the county.

Since the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 came in on October 1, scrap metal dealers must be registered and anyone collecting scrap metal must be licensed in the council area they are collecting in.

This means a number of separate licences may be required if an individual was collecting scrap from different locations.

Acting Det Supt Steve Mattin said: "We are urging anyone dealing in scrap metal to make sure they have the correct licences in place as we will be carrying out checks across both counties to ensure everyone is complying with this relatively new legislation.

"In the past a small amount of unregulated dealers have been involved in the disposal of stolen property and the new Act is specifically designed to reduce the outlets available to criminals who cause misery to householders, businesses, commuters and local communities through metal theft.

"All legitimate dealers should display their licence so it can be seen by customers, who can be reassured that the business meets standards outlined under the Act."

Scrap metal licences are issued by the local authority and must be one of two types – a site licence or a collectors licence.

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FAVOURITE: Frankel

Fierce contest for Frankel tour in auction

A PRIVATE tour to see the iconic racehorse Frankel has fetched more than £1,500 for a children's hospice charity.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) raised £16,508 through an online auction, with top lots including a bracelet created for the Duchess of Cambridge to celebrate the birth of Prince George and a Louis Vuitton Pudsey bag.

The visit to Frankel at Banstead Manor Stud, in Cheveley, was the most fiercely contested lot with 88 bid exchanges before it sold for £1,560.

Camilla Haycock, fundraising development manager for EAST, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the success of the EACH online auction and would like to thank absolutely everyone who donated an auction lot, helped to organise and support the event or registered and made a bid."

"All lots were donated free of charge, payment processing by Lacy, Scott and Knight Auctioneers and the hosting by saleroom.com were also free of charge meaning all funds raised will provide care and support to life-threatened children, young people and their families across East Anglia."

Other lots included a framed signed Wayne Rooney Manchester United shirt, Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour tickets and tickets to see One Direction.

Who will get your vote?

THE open primary election, in which four candidates will battle it out to succeed Sir Jim Paice as Conservative candidate for South East Cambridgeshire, will be held on Saturday.

Former Farming and Food Minister Sir Jim, 64, who has been the constituency's MP for almost 28 years, announced earlier this year that he plans to retire.

A shortlist of four candidates was selected last week by the South East Cambridgeshire Conservative Association and Sir Jim's successor will be decided by his constituents at an open primary.

The event will be held at Ely College, in Downham Road, at 10.30am.

The candidates hoping to secure the nomination are:

Heidi Allen
Paul Bristow
Lucy Frazer
Charlotte Vere

The party had more than 100 applicants for the seat.

People who want to attend the primary need to register in advance.

For a ticket, e-mail your name, address and telephone number to secca.openprimary@hotmail.co.uk or call (01638) 578424.

For full interviews with the candidates, visit our website: newmarket-news.co.uk

Lucy Frazer

LUCY is a barrister who specialises in commercial law.

She is an activist in Hampstead and Kilburn Conservatives – an ultra-marginal seat – where she is deputy chairman of the association.

Lucy recently made the final four in Croydon South.

When asked why people should vote for her, she said: "Because I know how to stand up and fight for the rights of others. This is what I have done for almost two decades in my role as a barrister, and recently as a QC, through persuasion, negotiation and advocacy.

"The skills that get my clients results both in and out of court are the very same skills that will enable me to fight to improve living standards in South East Cambridgeshire: lobbying for funding for schools, healthcare, infrastructure, supporting business growth and getting a fair deal for rural communities."

Heidi Allen

HEIDI is an astrophysicist turned business woman and district councillor in St Alban's, who has worked in large organisations but is now managing director of the family manufacturing business.

Born in Yorkshire, she studied Aatrophysics at University College London before going on to work as an operations manager in organisations including Royal Mail, Tubelines, Esso and Churchill Insurance Group.

When asked why people should vote for her, she said: "My incredibly varied career means I have the right blend of skills to serve the constituency.

"As an astrophysicist turned business woman and district councillor, I know I can support all the different businesses here. On a more personal level I have worked with such a range of people (I even owned a pub once!) that I am comfortable talking to people from all walks of life."

Paul Bristow

PAUL was the Conservative Future national chairman from 2003-05 and stood in Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland in 2010.

There, he increased the Conservative vote share by 3.8 percentage points, cutting an 8,000 vote majority to 1,677.

He is also a former Hammersmith and Fulham councillor.

Paul grew up and went to school in the county – he lived in Whittlesey and went to school at Sir Harry Smith Community College and Neale Wade in March. He now runs his own business, employing six people.

He said: "People should vote for me because my local background, business experience and strong principles make me the best candidate to be the next MP.

"I understand Cambridgeshire and what a great place it is to live and work.

"We need more people at Westminster and in Government who understand small business."

Charlotte Vere

CHARLOTTE is currently executive director of the Girls' Schools Association and has worked in the private sector for 25 years.

She was the Conservative candidate in Brighton Pavilion, where she increased the Tory vote but saw Caroline Lucas turn the constituency Green.

She was finance director of the victorious No2AV campaign in the 2011 referendum, and has campaigned for Conservative policies to be better targeted at women voters. Like Frazer, she recently made the final four in Croydon South.

When asked what she hopes to bring to the constituency if she is elected, she said: "I have the experience and the political and business relationships to get things done.

"Doing a national campaign like NO2AV plus talking to local business leaders here in Ely means that you get to know people and they get to know you – in Westminster, in the business community and in the media."

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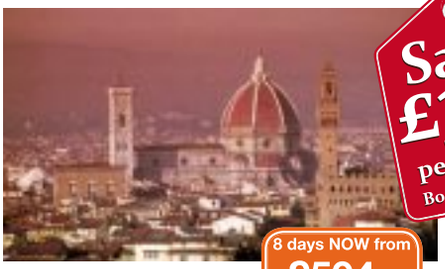

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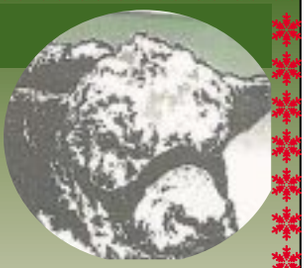

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Comedy night raises carnival cash

A LAUGHTER-FILLED event has raised more than £1,500 for next year's carnival.

Comedians – including a former Teletubby – took to the stage on November 23 to raise money for the Burwell Carnival.

Compere Gary Colman got the audience chuckling while musical comedian James Sherwood and Egyptian/Irish comedian Zahra Barri warmed up the room.

John Simmit, who played Dipsy in the children's TV show Teletubbies, closed the show to rapturous applause.

Committee member Peter Lancaster said: "Hopefully a good time was had by all and we'll hopefully looking at running our next Comedy Night on April 26.

"We'd like to thank all our raffle prize contributors – Bob at The Fox pub, Manchetts Budgens, Stephen at The Five Bells pub and Neil and Rae at Burwell Post Office, which certainly helped."

New committee members are needed to help with the planning of next year's carnival.

In particular, the committee is looking for a commercial stalls co-ordinator which involves booking stalls that can either reside inside or outside the marquee during the carnival.

Please go to www.facebook.com/BurwellCarnival.

Aid heads off to typhoon victims

■ JORDAN DAY

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of food and equipment has been sent to grief-stricken communities in the Philippines, thanks to a kind-hearted couple.

Gary and Evelyn Mills, from Soham, have made it their mission to try and help the thousands of people affected by devastating Typhoon Haiyan.

Evelyn, 67, is from Manila and owns a small shipping business called Tagalog Balikbayan Services, which specialises in sending goods to the Philippines.

The couple decided to pay for two 40ft containers full of aid – worth around £1,000 – out of their own pocket.

And, thanks to support from organisations and individuals across the UK, Gary and Evelyn have been able to fill the containers with food and lifesaving equipment to help people in the Philippines

Last Wednesday, an army of volunteers joined the couple at their warehouse in Wisbech Road, Littleport, to pack the containers.

HELPING HAND: Gary and Evelyn Mills, and Mike Duque, president of the PNA, with the volunteers who helped to pack the containers

Evelyn, who lives with Gary in West Drive Gardens, Soham, told the *News*: "We had donations from all over the country – it has been amazing.

"The containers are 40ft long and are full of clothes, blankets, food and other things which they are so desperate for."

Representatives from the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), and the Philippine Embassy, joined servicemen and women from RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath, and other donors to help pack the containers.

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines in early November, killing more than 5,000 people.

It is thought to be the deadliest typhoon to hit the Philippines on record.

Car scheme in need of new volunteers

A VOLUNTARY car scheme is in desperate need of drivers to help provide "a lifeline" for vulnerable people.

Drivers are needed in the Mildenhall area to help with the Community Car scheme, where volunteers use their own cars to help isolated people get to hospital appointments, to do their shopping or to visit family and friends.

Caroline Cowie, manager of the Voluntary Network, said: "It is such an importan service which is really a lifeline to lots of people.

"Volunteer drivers give up their time for free which is fantastic and they help vulnerable people to get to places they wouldn't normally be able to."

Caroline added: "It is very flexible as we are delighted to have their services so it's very much about what suits them."

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SILENCE PLEASE: Media students filmed a silent movie to be shown as part of a pantomime

Shhhh.... we're filming

FILM students kept quiet in the name of their art for a silent movie.

West Suffolk College student Sam Hilton, 20, from Mildenhall, was among four students who were asked to shoot a three-minute sequence which will be shown as part of *Aladdin* at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds.

The film follows three characters running from the theatre to the station and boarding a train for an adventure in Egypt.

Pantomime director Tim Welton said: "I was thoroughly impressed with the work of the film-makers.

"I suppose I was expecting youthful enthusiasm and determination but I was not expecting the professionalism and inventiveness of the West Suffolk College team."

Ofsted praise for pre-school

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

A PRE-SCHOOL has been praised for providing "exciting learning experiences" by inspectors from the education watchdog.

Little Learners pre-school, in Kennett sports pavillion, has been rated 'good' by Ofsted after a visit in October.

It was rated 'satisfactory', in its last inspection.

Inspector Ben Hartley said: "A wide range of interesting activities provide children with exciting learning experiences, this includes opportunities to engage in independent and outdoor learning.

"This means children are eager to learn, explore, and display the characteristics of effective learning."

The inspector found staff were "warm and caring" and communication was good between staff and pupils.

The report said: "Efficient monitoring of the curriculum and staff by the manager enables the quality of teaching to be high. Consequently, children are making good progress."

The pre-school was told to make sure checks on progress were even more rigorous to reach 'outstanding'.

Hayler Parkinson, manager and owner, said: "It was really nice to hear and our area co-ordinator had praised us this week which everyone was really happy with.

"It's good because we are a new team and maybe next time it will be outstanding."

Have your say on the library service

TIME to have your say on the library.

Suffolk Libraries has launched a new customer survey to find out what people think of their local library and the library service.

As well as seeking the views of regular library customers, Suffolk Libraries is keen to find out what would encourage more people to use their library.

Suffolk Libraries is an independent and charitable body which has been running the county's libraries since August 2012.

Fill in the survey by December 6.

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Witnesses sought after collision

WITNESSES are sought to a two-vehicle collision in Lakenheath where two people were taken to hospital.

A blue Mercedes C240 and a red Honda Civic were involved in a head-on collision on the B1112 near the junction with Wangford Road at 6.45pm on Tuesday.

One of the drivers suffered internal injuries and the other sustained more minor injuries. Both drivers were taken to Addenbrooke's.

Police are keen to hear from anyone who saw either vehicle travelling along the road either prior to, or when the collision took place.

Call police on 101.

Housing plan approved by councillors

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

A CONTROVERSIAL draft local plan which needs to find 7,000 homes has been approved.

Forest Heath district is suffering a housing shortage after its core strategy for developments was subject to a successful High Court challenge in 2011 over the urbanisation of the north east of Newmarket.

The district council approved the plan at a meeting on Tuesday, which sets out draft housing allocations and proposed sites for housing in the district.

Newmarket has been given a draft allocation of 1,230 homes and among the sites mooted for development is Hatchfield Farm where the local plan has said up to 700 homes could be built. Lord Derby has submitted a plan for 400 homes at this site.

Amendments were made to the Fitzroy Paddocks site, land bounded by Black Bear Lane, High Street and Rowley Drive.

A district council spokeswoman said: "An ammendment should read: 'The Council is supportive of appropriate mixed use development, to include an element of residential that will facilitate the return of the historic asset on this site back into use and retain a horseracing use on this site.

'The amount of new development should be the minimum amount necessary to achieve these aims, be in a form which minimises harm to other public interests, with any undeveloped land remaining in an equine paddock use'."

Other sites include St Felix and Scaltback Middle Schools, the former swimming pool site, in High Street, and the station car park, which is currently owned by Tattersalls but may be available at a later date.

An eight-week public consultation will take place.

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Anyone join me for a swim?

WATER LOT OF FUN: A otter captured on camera at RSPB Lakenheath Fen. Picture by Ken Clegg

THE weather may be turning colder but this otter has not been put off going for a freezing dip.

Staff and volunteers at RSPB Lakenheath Fen were delighted to spot her playing in the water.

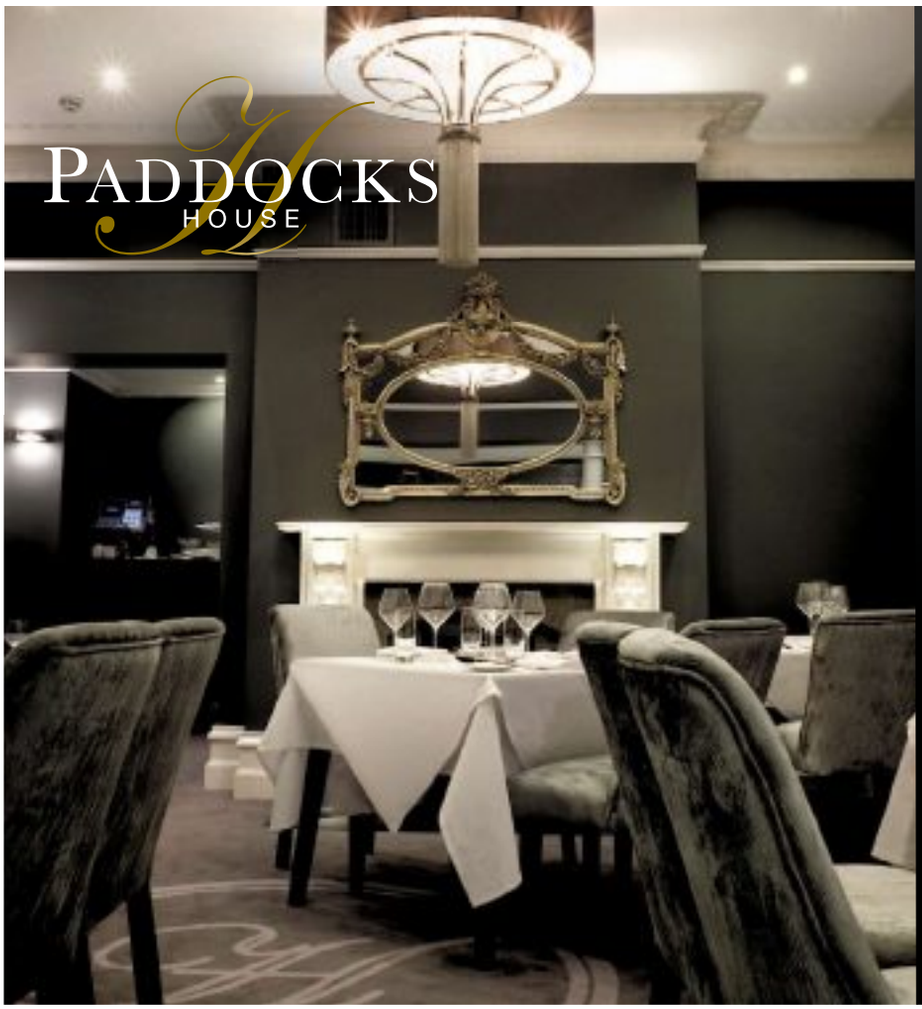
David White, information officer for RSPB Lakenheath Fen, said: "We believe that we have two breeding females in the area and their associated youngsters and we average about a sighting every couple of weeks at this time of year.

"The frequency of sightings is even less during the summer months, especially when they are breeding.

"As a general rule of thumb, sightings are most likely at dawn and dusk but they are very unpredictable and have a habit of turning up any time, any where. It is great to know that otters call the reserve home."

RSPB Lakenheath Fen is based between Hockwold and Lakenheath villages.

For more information go to www.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen.



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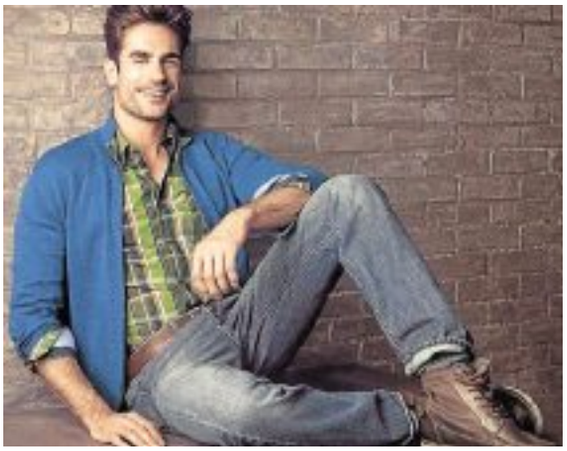

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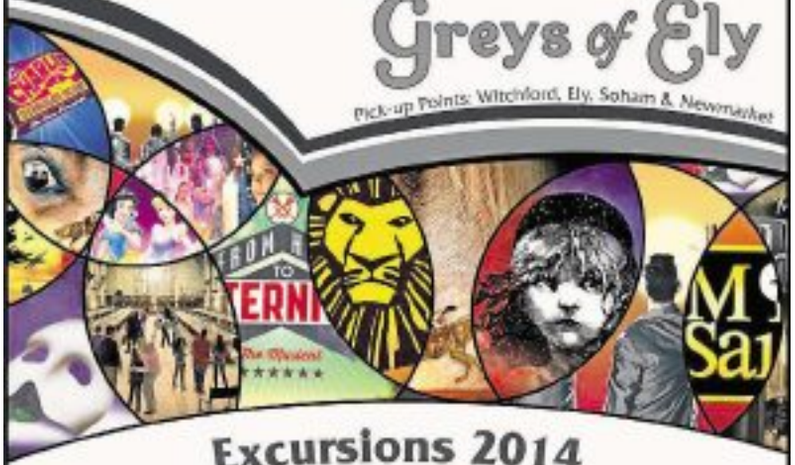

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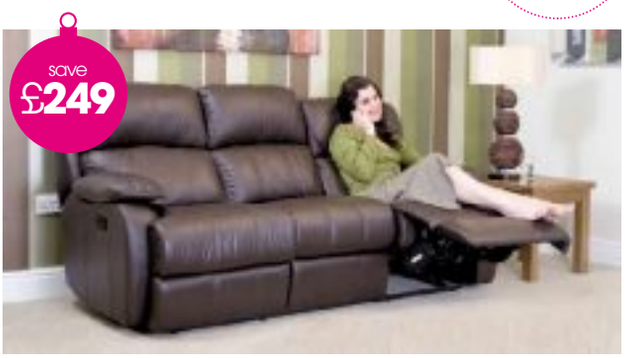

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AA inspectors' praise for hotel

THRILLED: Noel Byrne, chief executive, with sales manager Rachael Murton

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

A LUXURY hotel is going "from strength to strength" after receiving its highest ever scoring from AA inspectors.

Bedford Lodge Hotel, in Bury Road, Newmarket, received a score of 83 per cent from the inspector who visited recently for an overnight stay, compared with a score of 80 per cent at the hotel's last inspection.

The inspector said: "This was a most enjoyable overnight stay and the hotel goes from strength to strength."

Noel Byrne, chief executive of Bedford Lodge Hotel, said: "I am thrilled that we have improved by another 3 per cent in the recent AA inspection.

"This high rating is a credit to our employees' dedication and hard work, and our owner's commitment to improvements throughout the property."

Mr Byrne said: "We are just a very small margin away from achieving the prestigious AA Inspectors' Choice 'red star' award, which is awarded to only the very best hotels in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

"We will be taking on board the inspector's recommendations so that we can continue to improve and offer our guests an exemplary service."

The hotel retained its four star status and the two AA rosettes for its restaurant Squires.

For more information on Bedford Lodge Hotel go to www.bedfordlodgehotel.co.uk or call (01638) 663175.

Site honoured with awards

GROWING POWER: Micael Rodrigues with Jon Pollard

A MAJOR produce company has honoured its site in Isleham.

The Produce World Group recognised staff member Micael Rodrigues with the Outstanding Innovation of the Year at its annual awards.

The site also received runners-up awards in Community Impact, Team of the Year and Individual Recognition categories.

Operations Director Jon Pollard said it was "another successful year" for the site.

Blockbuster store to close down

SEVEN jobs will be lost as a DVD rental shop closes its doors.

Blockbuster, in St Andrews Street, Mildenhall, is among 102 stores to be axed after the troubled video giant went into administration for the second time.

Joint administrators Simon Thomas and Nick O'Reilly, from Moorfields Corporate Recovery, said: "The decision to close some stores has not been taken lightly, however the remaining stores remain open for business and we are continuing to market the business for sale as a going concern."

More than 30,000 refunds have been issued across the country for goods and services.

The Newmarket branch remains open.

Orchard gets new benches

WALKERS can rest their weary legs at new picnic benches in a town orchard.

Voluntary group Go Wild in Newmarket (GWIN) has installed three picnic benches at the orchard in Studlands, which has been recently renamed as 'The Guarded Orchard' by the group.

Peter Cornelissen, of GWIN, said: "Thanks to generosity of Ridgeons Ltd and Newmarket Lions, the Guarded Orchard now has three brand new picnic benches.

"We know it is not the best time of year to enjoy them, but when we put them in today, it was very pleasant down there and would have been just right for having a cuppa.

"Do go and have a look and take advantage of a sit down while you look around at the work that's been done."

GWIN has been working to restore the orchard all year.

For more information on the group's activities go to www.facebook.com/gowildinnewmarket.

£10,000 bequest in memory of Fred

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

AN ELDERLY woman has bequeathed £10,000 to a dementia charity in memory of her beloved husband who suffered from Alzheimer's.

Patricia Evans, who lived in Croft Road, Newmarket, for most of her life until her death last year aged 91, has left £10,000 in her will to Alzheimer's Research UK in memory of her husband Fred.

The couple met when Patricia was evacuated to the town during the Second World War where she served in the WAF (Women in the Air Force) until she left due to poor health.

She met Fred, a local man, and they married in 1955.

Her nephew Chris Bentinck, who grew up in Newmarket, said Fred was in his early 70s when Alzheimer's took hold and he became very confused and had disturbing mood swings before his death in 1998.

He said: "She was a lovely lady, very friendly and polite and never argued with anyone. She was tiny and struggled to look after Fred when Alzheimer's crept on.

"The experience opened her eyes to the dreadful lack of funding for research for new treatments and a cure."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Patricia Evans, of Newmarket, bequeathed £10,000 to Alzheimer's Research UK in memory of her husband Fred, inset

He added: "It was such a stressful time for Pat and I'm very proud that she left a gift to Alzheimer's Research UK to help defeat this devastating disease. Even though she's no longer with us, it's so good to know her generosity and compassion are still making a difference."

Pat's bequest will go to funding 500 hours of pioneering scientific research into new ways to diagnose, or prevent and treat Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Ian Wilson, director of Fundraising at Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "Dementia poses one of the greatest threats to public health but funding for research still lags far behind other serious diseases.

"We are so grateful to Patricia for remembering Alzheimer's Research UK in her Will.

"We rely on donations to fund our pioneering work and gifts in Wills pay for one in three of our research projects. However big or small, these gifts allow ordinary people to make an extraordinary impact on our crucial dementia research."

For more information about leaving a gift, contact Joanne Fearne-Green at j.fearne-green@alzheimersresearchuk.org or call 0300 111 5555.

Village groups delighted over grant money

CHRISTMAS has come early for community groups after grants were paid out by the district council.

More than £18,000 has been handed out by East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) from the Community Facilities Small Villages fund.

This included £8,835.71 to Cheveley Parish Council for work on the village pavillion and £10,000 for the latest phase of refurbishment to the Ellesmere Centre, in Stetchworth.

Diane Marshall, Cheveley parish clerk, said: "The sports pavillion in the village had fallen into disrepair.

"It was not up to the correct standards for community use so people haven't been using it. It is a vicious cycle"

Retractable doors have been installed inside the pavillion which create two changing rooms but can also be opend up to allow the whole room to be used.

Mrs Marshall said: "We are very grateful to the support we have received from the district council and the residents who use the facilities."

The Ellesmere Centre will use the money for improvements to the ladies toilets, changing facilities and creating better accessibility for people with special needs.

Roy Swain, chairman of trustees, said: "We are absolutely delighted as we were not expecting it at all.

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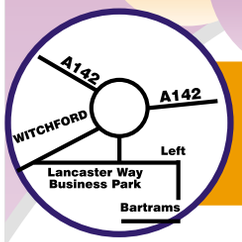

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CHRISTMAS ALL WRAPPED UP

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Pandora's jewellery has gifts for festive delight

PANDORA'S: The Guineas shopping centre is now a must-visit shopping destination

ADVERTISING FEATURE

BASED in The Guineas shopping centre in Newmarket, retail jewellers Pandora's has been the must-visit destination for beautiful jewellery for more than 20 years. But the family-run business has diversified, and now also stocks an extensive selection of original gifts that will make this year's Christmas shopping a breeze!

Pandora's specialises in jewellery to suit all budgets, from simple, chic silver earrings through to semi-precious and precious stones, with ranges like the sterling silver Purity range, the Charles Edwards 9 and 18 carat gold selection and the stunning, elegant range of platinum-plated Swarovski by Perfection jewellery.

And if your thoughts are turning to love and marriage at this special season, they are the ideal destination for engagement rings, with a gorgeous choice of diamond solitaires. They also stock elegant bridal sets (engagement and wedding rings) from the Perfection range, to really make your loved one's day.

LOTS OF CHOICE: At family-run retailer

Other lovely jewellery choices – ideal as a present – include the Livi and Lex bracelet range, or how about treating someone to a new watch? Choose from big-name brands like Seiko, Rotary, Casio G-Shock, Pulsar, Lorus, Sekonda or the very fashionable Seksy. You're sure to find the perfect timepiece, with designs for both men and women in stock.

BEAUTIFUL JEWELLERY: Pandora's also has a wide range of gifts in a 'treasure-trove of a shop'

Other gift ideas in this treasure-trove of a shop include a wide range of luxurious luggage and leather goods, and a brilliant selection of accessories. Wrap up warm in the winter months with an elegant faux fur hat or headband, or select a colourful and stylish scarf from Thomas Calvi. Smaller but no less desirable gift items such as lighters, pens, tea lights, hand-turned wooden bowls and picture frames are also available. They can even provide gift vouchers. So for the perfect present that your loved ones are unlikely to have seen anywhere else, Pandora's is likely to be the answer to all your gift dilemmas this Christmas season.

Visit Pandora's at 60, The Guineas, Newmarket, CB8 8HT.

CHRISTMAS ALL WRAPPED UP

Some super festive tipples

CHRISTMAS is almost upon us, which means it's time to get fancy with the tipples. Here are a few recipes for seasonal drinks that are guaranteed to give Santa's ruddy red cheeks a run for their money

Whether you're throwing a party, or just want to enjoy a couple of drinks on the sofa, it's worth making the effort this Christmas.

You might need a couple of special drinks as well, so here's some suggestions which won't trouble even the most amateur bartender.

If you're making a few of these drinks at a time, then you just need to remember to multiply the quantities accordingly.

All you'll need, then, is some ice (and for quality and quantity's sake, it's probably best to buy a bag in from the supermarket), a couple of martini glasses, although these aren't essential if you don't mind going without, and a cocktail shaker.

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3 or 4 fresh blackberries
20ml lemon juice
Soda water

Shake and strain the ingredients into a glass, then top with soda water. Garnish with a cinnamon stick and lemon peel.

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1 green cardamom pod
For the blood orange-infused gin:

Take a bottle of Bombay Sapphire gin and pour out 50ml. Replace with 35ml of fresh blood orange juice, eight large peels from the skin of a blood orange and 10 cloves (adjust to taste). Replace cap, shake well, and place in fridge until you're ready to drink it, but for at least 24 hours.

For the flavoured sugar, take the seeds from one green cardamom pod and place in a pestle. Crush well with the mortar until there's a fine powder and then add a couple of teaspoons of caster sugar. Mix well with a teaspoon. Reserve to one side on a saucer.

Take a chilled balloon glass. Wipe some blood orange juice on the rim of the glass, then turn the glass upside down and roll the rim around the saucer of cardamom infused caster sugar until it's fully covered. Shake off any excess.

Turn the glass the right way up and fill with cubes of ice, being careful not to knock off the sugar. Pour in 50ml of the blood orange and clove-infused Bombay Sapphire. Stir briefly.

Top the glass with 100ml of tonic water, being careful to retain the fizz. Stir again very briefly. Finally, add a wheel of blood orange, studded with five cloves, to the top of the glass.

BAILEYS CINNAMON SPICE
25ml Baileys Hazelnut flavour
25ml Baileys Original
20ml Smirnoff vanilla vodka (Or make your own with plain Smirnoff and ¼tsp of vanilla extract)
120ml milk
1 stick cinnamon
Ground cinnamon to garnish

Fill a jug or cocktail shaker with ice.

Measure both of the Baileys, vodka and milk into the jug or cocktail shaker (if you don't have the flavoured Baileys, use 50ml of Baileys Original instead).

MEGA: Clove Kiss Gin and Tonic

Shake the mixture vigorously until the surface of the cocktail shaker feels chilled, or stir for several minutes to get the same effect.

Use a cocktail strainer to strain the mixture into a martini glass.

Sprinkle cinnamon powder on the surface of the drink, and place a cinnamon stick at an angle in the glass to garnish.

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Bi-polar disorder has made life a rollercoaster for Paul Fuller. Here, he talks to Alice Ryan about the highs, the lows, and finally finding health and happiness

LOCKED in a secure unit, under a 24-hour watch, Paul Fuller thought his life was over. He had a good job, a lovely wife, a new daughter – and he'd lost it all in the blink of an eye.

"I wasn't eating, wasn't drinking, wasn't functioning as a normal human being," he says, shaking his head. "I thought that was it, that I was going to die. I really did."

Though he didn't know it at the time, Paul was suffering from bi-polar disorder; at the end of a manic phase – which had seen him take a huge leap and set up his own business – he'd crashed into a black hole of despair.

"I was an HGV driver and I'd decided to go self-employed," he explains. "I got a lorry all painted up, went to see it, came home and just went absolutely ape.

"I can't remember to this day what I did. All I know is that it wasn't very nice...

"The first thing I do remember is the police coming to the house to take me away."

These days, it's hard to imagine Paul scaling such heights or plumbing such depths: frank, funny and warm, he comes across as both laid-back and incredibly level-headed.

"I've had eight years without a relapse, touch wood," says Paul, leaning forward to pat the coffee table. "I've come a long way in those eight years. And I am very proud of that."

Paul is sharing his story to raise awareness of bi-polar disorder – he says, though things have improved, there is still a stigma surrounding mental illness – and also fly the flag for Cambridge charity Re-Use.

Formerly known as Cambridge SOFA, it's a largely volunteer-run service which helps people on low incomes furnish their homes.

"I furnished my whole house thanks to Re-Use; I came out of hospital with nothing to my name," says Paul, currently taking a coffee break in the furniture showroom.

"Then I started volunteering here, as a driver collecting donations. It started just as something to do in the daytime, but it opened so many new doors.

"More than anything, it made me feel worthy: it feels good to be doing something for the community, to be giving something back."

With hindsight, Paul believes he's been bi-polar since he was a child. "I used to get quite physical with my two brothers, punching them and hitting them.

"Now I think that was the first sign: this rage would be there one minute, then it was just gone."

A form of depression, bi-polar disorder manifests as extreme mood swings. "You have massive highs and massive lows," explains Paul.

"With the highs you just keep going up and up until everything's technicolour; it's brilliant, it really is.

"I'd love to have a high again – but I couldn't stand the low, and what goes up must come down...

"The lows are dark, black, really horrible; something you don't ever want to be associated with. You don't want to get out of bed, let alone get dressed and make a cup of tea.

"You don't want to do anything – and that can go on for weeks at a stretch."

Previously known as manic depression, bi-polar disorder is more common than you might imagine: according to NHS figures, one in every hundred people in the UK is bi-polar.

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condition is not known, but periods of extreme stress and major life-changes are believed to be triggers, along with genetic and chemical factors.

Paul's childhood was, he concedes, 'not the happiest'. Moving out of home aged 5, to live with his grandparents, he says a troubled relationship with his father was at the root.

"He had what I called at the time 'manic spells'; now I think they're very similar to the episodes I've had. But we never saw eye-to-eye."

At 11, after his parents divorced, Paul moved back in with his mum and things seemed to settle down: "School was good. I did what I wanted to do, concentrated on my art.

"I used to love the political cartoons in The Sun; the first thing I ever drew freehand was a picture of Ted Heath with a pipe..."

It was after leaving school, and joining the army, that Paul's mental health deteriorated sharply.

His first tour was to Northern Ireland, at the height of the troubles: "We came across a lot of violence: petrol bombs, riots.

"You'd be walking along the road, minding your own business, and get bottles and stones thrown at you. It was a very hostile environment.

"I was only 19 and I just didn't want to be there. I became fixated on the fact something bad was happening back home and it overtook everything.

"I wasn't concentrating on my job; I was making silly mistakes and putting the other guys at risk.

"One day we were running along and my webbing – with all the ammunition strapped to it – just fell off, because I hadn't fitted it properly.

"I was taken off the streets and three weeks later sent home."

Once back home, Paul discovered something bad had indeed happened: one of his brothers had been diagnosed with lymphatic cancer.

"Mum hadn't told me because she didn't want to worry me. He was given three months to live – but thankfully he survived and he's still doing well now."

Deciding to change tack and follow his childhood dream of becoming a lorry driver, Paul got his HGV licence and for a while his life was on an even keel.

"There's a great sense of achievement, a sense of control, when you're driving an HGV. From the age of 7 I'd wanted to drive something big and beautiful – and that's what I was doing."

Paul married and had his daughter, Natasha, now 23. But then, when she was barely a year old, his first 'major episode' hit and both his marriage and career crumbled.

"After that first spell in hospital I was out for a few months, in for a few months. I was in denial, to be honest.

"I didn't want to accept there was anything wrong, and I also didn't want to take medication.

"I thought the doctors were trying to take over my brain, make me a different person – like something you'd see in a film.

"So as soon as I had the opportunity, I'd stop taking the pills."

During one of his better spells, Paul married again and had a second child, Carl, now 12.

But then, almost 10 years ago now, he had 'a serious breakdown', which saw him spend a month on remand in prison and nine months in a secure unit.

"It was bad. Very bad. Again I had a massive black out and all these accusations were made...

"While I was in hospital I made a vow that, no matter what, I was going to take my medication from now on – and I was never going back to hospital."

Thanks to a combination of self-discipline and a carefully monitored treatment programme – which includes a bespoke prescription and keeping a 'mood diary' which his case worker assesses at the end of every month – Paul has kept his promise to himself.

"There have been ups and downs, life's like that, but nothing serious."

One of his meds is Lithium which, he explains, 'keeps my brain cells separate: they used to mingle and have a party...'.

The irony is, he adds: "For 12 years I thought the pills would change me for the worse; now, after taking them for eight years, I think I'm a better person than I was before."

Paul says he polices his state of mind constantly. "I picture a box in my head and I have to keep myself inside that box.

"At the bottom is level five, which is 'Okay', six is 'Pretty good', seven is 'Very good' and eight and nine are 'Party time'.

"Any mood outside that box is dangerous: if I can feel myself rising too high I take a deep breath, do some reading, do a jigsaw. I level myself out."

As well as losing out on time with his children – while he was in and out of hospital he had access only rarely – Paul also rues having his HGV licence revoked because of his illness.

"I'm about to reapply, after eight years without an episode," he smiles. "And the kids are great too: I see them both once a fortnight."

Settled into a bungalow in Little Eversden, with his rescued Staffie-cross-Jack Russell Bruce, Paul is about to move in with new girlfriend Ann.

The couple met in the queue for the Number 75 bus in Cambridge: "We call it the Love Bus now! She's beautiful, wonderful...

"I told her all the bad stuff and she just says 'That's not you now. That's all in the past'."

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She said: "I just thought I didn't need presents so I decided to have my party for charity.

"It was wonderful to see so many happy, friendly faces."

The event was held at Burwell Ex Servicemen's Club.

The money raised will be split between Burwell Day Centre, Burwell Surgery, the Salvation Army and the Philippines Typhoon fund.

Police target drink-drivers

■ LIZZY BUCHAN

SOBER drivers will be rewarded over the festive season as part of a national anti drink–drive campaign.

Suffolk and Norfolk Police have joined forces to stop any drivers whose manner of driving causes concern or car has a defect in a bid to catch drink–drivers over Christmas.

As part of the campaign, pubs are being encouraged to offer free or discounted soft drinks to designated drivers for the second year running.

Insp Bruce Gent, of the Norfolk and Suffolk Roads Policing and Firearms Operations Unit, said: "When drivers are prosecuted for drink or drug driving or are involved in road traffic collisions because of drink or drugs, the effect on their lives, their employment and their families is devastating.

"This scheme is a positive step towards offering drivers an alternative and encouraging them to take their turn to be the designated driver."

A total of 57 people were injured in collisions in Suffolk where alcohol was found to be a factor in 2012/13 and in the previous year 74 people were injured and two were killed.

Tim Passmore, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "Christmas is a time of fun and merriment and I thoroughly enjoy this time of the year, but for far too many people Christmas merriment fuelled by alcohol can seriously detract from the goodwill of the season.

"I find it really staggering that despite the obvious dangers and the huge amount of publicity, every year drivers risk their lives and the lives of others by driving under the influence of alcohol."

During the Christmas drink-drive campaign last year 88 drivers were over the legal limit when tested by police.

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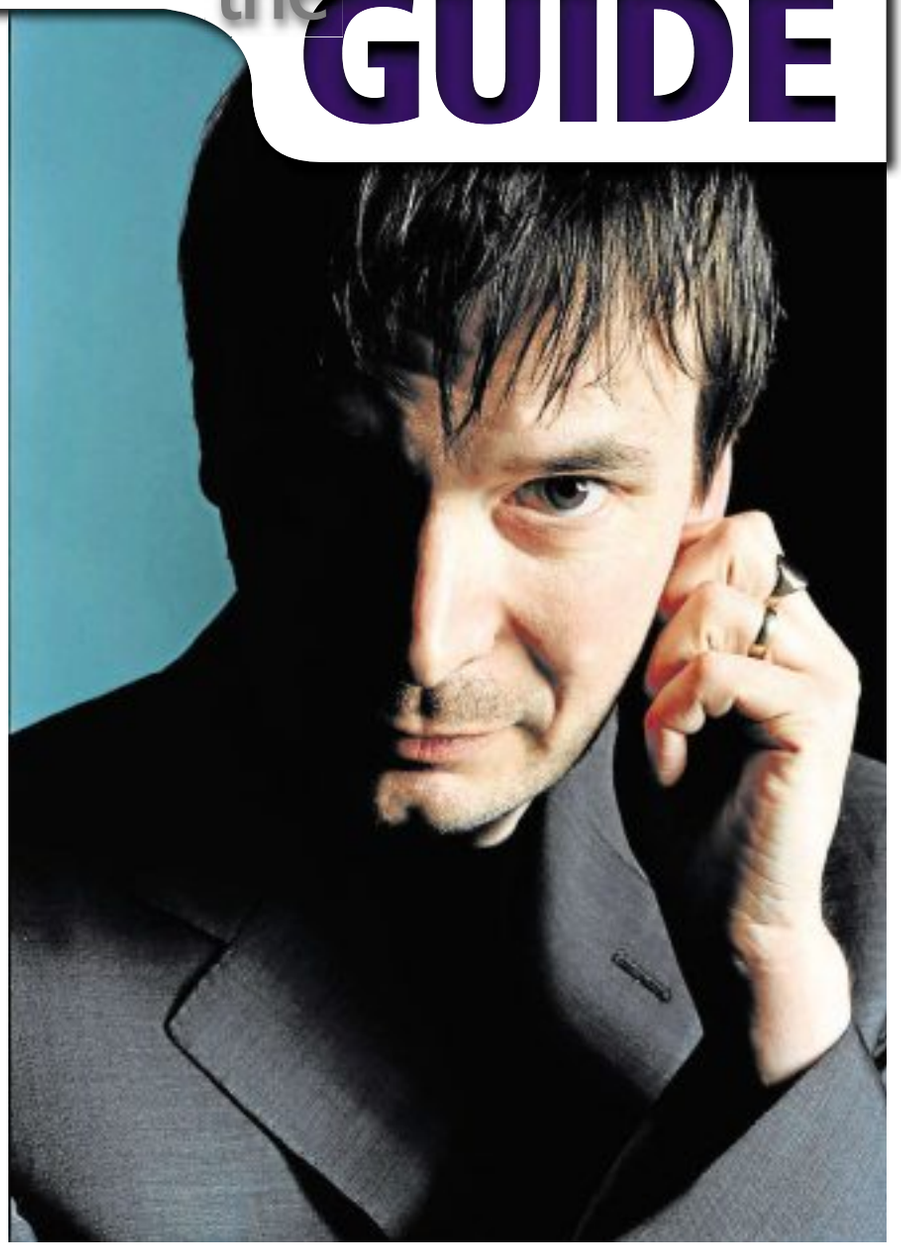

By Ella Walker

FIFE-BORN bestselling novelist Ian Rankin is visiting Cambridge next week as part of a Heffers crime event, to chat to Cambridge local and fellow crime writer Alison Bruce.

Up for discussion will be his latest novel, *Saints of the Shadow Bible*, the most recent instalment in his Rebus series, tracking the career and cases of the grizzled juggernaut of the title cop.

Old nemeses arise, a suspicious car accident throws worrying light on the detective's own past and starts to make him question ties to his former crime-fighting mates. Just how deep does the corruption go? We're hoping Bruce finds out…

Rankin's career as a writer began with comic books aged 8-9-years-old. "What comics represented were affordable literacy," he explains. "If you only had a few pennies in your pocket you could still buy a comic and read it, and it was a wonderful rung on the ladder that got me reading lots of different things."

Why does he think Rebus touches a chord with fans? "I wish I knew. The books weren't an immediate success. It took five, six or even seven Rebus novels before I was making any money, but he interested me as a character. I thought he was challenging; he's complex, fallible, and that seemed to chime with readers."

It's going to be Rankin's last public appearance for a while as he's disappearing to write – don't miss him.

- Ian Rankin in conversation with Alison Bruce, St Andrews Baptist Church, St Andrews Street, Cambridge, Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm. Tickets £8 from *ian-rankin.eventbrite.co.uk*.

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Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 (U): Sat-Sun 12noon
movies for juniors
Rise Of The Guardians (PG): Sat-Sun 10am
Despicable Me 2 (U): Sat 10.10am
Planes (U): Sat 10am

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Saving Mr Banks (PG): Fri 2, 5.15; Sat 2, 5; Sun 12.30, 3.15; Mon 2, 5; Tues 2.15, 5; Wed 11.30am, 2, 5.15; Thu 1.45, 4.30
Nebreska (15): Fri 1.45, 5, 7.45; Sat 2.15, 5.15, 7.45; Sun 3.30, 6; Mon 2.15, 5.45, 8; Tues 1.30, 5.30, 7.45; Wed 11.30am, 5, 8; Thu2, 4.30
Philomena (12A): Sat 12noon, 8; Sun 1; Mon 12noon; Tues 12noon; Wed 2.15, 8; Thu 11.30am
Gravity 3D (12A): Fri 8; Sun 6
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (12A): Mon 8.30
Muscle Shoals (PG): Tues 8
Picturehouse Pythons, Kids Club: When Santa Fell To Earth (U): Sat 11am
Toddler Time: Rastamouse Christmas Special (U): Tues 11.30am

film of the week

FROZEN
certificate PG, 1h48m

LOOSELY based on *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Andersen, *Frozen* proves that Disney's animated heroines have unquestionably come of age.

Long gone are the rose-tinted days when princesses waited patiently for Prince Charming to sweep them off their feet or save them from some grim fate.Now, independent and self-assured heroines are just as smart and resourceful as their male contemporaries . . . and they don't need the love of a man to affirm their self-worth.

Frozen is a terrific fairytale adventure that melds old-fashioned values with state-of-the-art visuals and a rousing musical score with infectious songs by husband-and-wife team Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez.

Every beautifully coloured and crafted frame is crammed with wit and joy, drawing in audiences of all ages to the story of two sisters battling against both the elements and their fears to claim their rightful place on the throne.

Director Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck don't let the pace flag and the 108 minutes pass in a blur of laughter, tears and frost-bitten action sequences, that look especially stunning in 3D.

As children, Anna (voiced by Kristen Bell) and Elsa (Idina Menzel) love to play together, taking full advantage of Elsa's ability to create ice and snow from her fingertips. When accident late one night almost ends in disaster, the King (Maurice LaMarche) agrees to wipe Anna's memory so she forgets about her sibling's hidden talents.

At the same time, Elsa retires from public gaze, fearful that she will hurt someone else with her powers.

When the King and Queen are subsequently lost at sea, Elsa reluctantly emerges to claim the throne. Unfortunately, on her coronation day, her gloves come off and the locals witness her powers, brand her a witch and force her to flee into the snowy mountains.

Anna gives chase, leaving the kingdom in the hands of her trusted sweetheart Prince Hans (Santino Fontana). As she ascends towards Elsa's hideaway, Anna meets hunky ice trader Kristoff (Jonathan Groff), his loyal reindeer Sven and a blissfully naive talking snowman called Olaf (Josh Gad).

Frozen is one of the best animated features to canter out of the Disney stable in years.

Warm-hearted, uplifting and constantly surprising, it's a timeless fable that will appeal to both boys and girls thanks to uproarious comic relief from Olaf (who is too cute for words).

Drive for green space

HAVING a place to park a car by your home is important, there's no arguing that. But is it more important than having an open green space to welcome you, visitors and nature to your front door?

As traffic increases and time-hungry householders opt to pave or concrete their driveway to avoid garden maintenance, there's little doubt the state of our front gardens is spiralling downwards.

Yet, points out horticulturist Joe Swift, pictured right, the front garden should be the first point of a welcoming haven.

Swift, one of many gardening experts appearing in *Great British Garden Revival*, a new 10-part BBC2 series starting on Monday, visited one such haven in award-winning Rockcliffe Avenue, Whitley Bay, north Tyneside, where residents have transformed their paved street with colourful plants and containers overflowing with flowers.

The result isn't just aesthetic, residents have also reported a much greater sense of community, with kids no longer 'causing havoc' in the street and people no longer dropping litter.

"A lot of people just concrete or pave their gardens over and just forget about the plants, but research shows how important plants are in reducing pollution, for wellbeing and house prices," says Swift.

by Hannah Stephenson

Creating a planting buffer between your home and traffic is also like putting a filter paper between you and the pollution, explains Rob MacKenzie, professor of atmospheric science at Birmingham University.

"If you put plants very close to the traffic then they have a greater chance of soaking up the pollution and making a significant reduction, perhaps as much as 10 or 20%," he explains.

Some three-quarters of households in Britain have cars – 40% of those have two cars – and the increased use of concrete or paving to accommodate them has led to huge drainage problems in some areas.

Swift says there are products out there which can accommodate both plants and vehicles. In the BBC programme, he looks at reinforced hexagonal plastic mesh which goes into the ground, and you can park your car on it when it has been filled with either gravel or plants. You lay it by firstly putting landscaping fabric over the soil to allow water to drain through and suppress weeds. Then place a layer of sand on to the fabric and embed your mesh into it. Then you fill your hexagonal slots with loamy topsoil and sand, which is perfect for sowing grass seed. Sow the seed in late summer, early autumn or spring. Before long, the grass will be growing above the mesh, but you can drive a car over it. Alternatively, use gravel or use a combination of gravel and grass seed or other low-growing plant, like thyme or camomile.

"It's a way of softening the ground but still making it durable and tough enough to drive a car on. There are several products out there and you can get them online."

Herbaceous ground cover like hardy geraniums and alchemilla mollis are pretty tough and can easily be incorporated into many front gardens, he notes.

"If your front garden is in a shady area you could go for plants like hostas and ferns, anything that can take a bit of a battering and which you can get into the ground."

He also recommends planting strongly scented plants in your front garden such as Christmas box, a really tough evergreen which you will notice as you enter or leave your front garden every day.

"Wintersweet is another good scented plant, as are a lot of winter flowering viburnums which can fill the whole street with an incredible fragrance."

■ Joe Swift appears in the first episode of *Great British Garden Revival*, starting on BBC2 on Monday at 7pm.

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puzzles

crossword

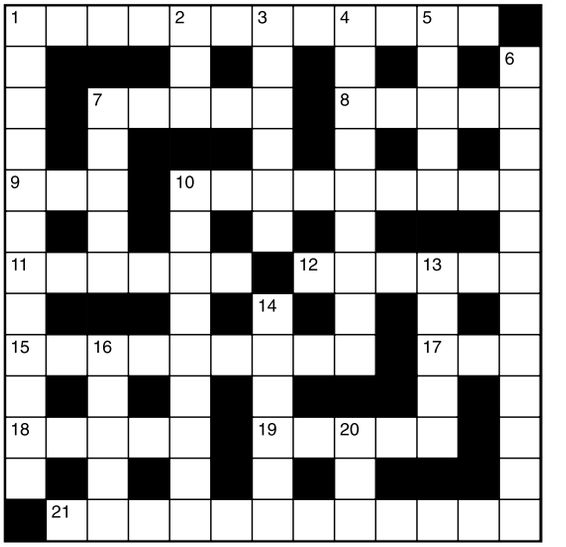
ACROSS

1. Race madly in March? (3,4,1,4)
7. Keep on complaining about table (5)
8. When to expiate? (5)
9. Fighting back though inexperienced (3)
10. Misses rests unfortunately, though nips back first (9)
11. Father's attempt at baking (6)
12. Kill graduate to get estate (6)
15. Benefit from inclusion of VAT in amended agenda (9)
17. Everybody needs some special line (3)
18. Praise getting some of the opposite sex to leave (5)
19. Support a couple (5)
21. Safe-keeping promised initially with a proviso (12)

DOWN

1. Gramophone presented by best performing sportsman? (6,6)
2. There's anger in their eyes (3)
3. Involve in late change (6)
4. Grave indication of the way the boss speaks? (9)
5. Wild heron river (5)
6. Different loans reaping private profit (8,4)
7. Receptacles for game (5)
10. Kills, but Grant less cruel (9)
13. A step taken quickly (5)
14. His services include the trimmings (6)
16. He apparently marks his choice wrong! (5)
20. Can she go to the country? (3)

Last week's answers: Across: 4 Belgian; 8 Cellar; 9 Sheared; 10 Unveil; 11 Rental; 12 Particle; 18 Relation; 20 Borneo; 21 Curate; 22 Bargain; 23 Recede; 24 Married. Down: 1 Scrumpy; 2 Clovers; 3 Tahiti; 5 Ethereal; 6 Granny; 7 Apeman; 13 Caroline; 14 Pirates; 15 Angered; 16 Sonata; 17 Onager; 19 Amused.



sudoku

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	5		2	3				8
6							9	2
	2		9			1		

Last week's answer:

2	4	7	9	1	8	5	6	3
6	8	5	2	4	3	9	7	1
3	1	9	7	5	6	4	2	8
9	2	8	5	7	1	3	4	6
7	6	1	8	3	4	2	9	5
5	3	4	6	9	2	8	1	7
4	9	3	1	6	5	7	8	2
8	7	6	3	2	9	1	5	4
1	5	2	4	8	7	6	3	9

niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

78921 gives a wine
953386 gives a meal
124488 gives a beverage

Last week's answer:
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the GUIDE — weekend television

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Food & Drink. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15 Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The opening session of the second semi-final. **4.30 Final Score. 5.10 My Family Christmas Special.**

6.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
6.20 **Pointless Celebrities.** EastEnders special, with Nitin Ganatra, Rita Simons, Peter Dean and Todd Carty. Last in the series.
7.10 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The celebrities compete to make it through to the semi-final.
8.15 **Atlantis.** The trio go in search of the missing Medusa, only to become caught up in a tribe's brutal blood sport.
9.00 **Casualty.** Fletch has to rescue a child from danger.
9.50 **The National Lottery Live.** Chris Evans reveals the results.
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Including highlights of Manchester United v Newcastle United; National Lottery Update.
11.45 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games in the Championship.

1.00am Weatherview. 1.05 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 7.10 FILM: The Stars Look Down (1940). Drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **8.45 FILM: The Captive Heart (1946).** Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **10.20 The Sky at Night. 10.40 Reel History of Britain. 11.10 The Life of Birds. 12.00pm Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 1.30 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 2.15 EastEnders. 4.05 Coast. 4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The opening session of the second semi-final. **5.30 Flog It!**

6.30 **Dad's Army.**
7.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.00 **QI XL.** Extended edition. With Victoria Coren Mitchell, Sue Perkins and the Rev Richard Coles.
10.45 **FILM: AI: Artificial Intelligence (2001).** A robot boy programmed to see his owner as a parent tries to become human, so the "mother' who rejected him will love him. Sci-fi drama, starring Haley Joel Osment and Jude Law.

1.00am FILM: Racing for Time (2008). Fact-based sporting drama, directed by and starring Charles S Dutton. **2.25 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 10.30 Murder, She Wrote. 11.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather. **11.40 Surprise Surprise. 12.40pm Doc Martin. 1.45 FILM: Babe (1995).** Family comedy, with James Cromwell. **3.25 FILM: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002).** Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe.

6.20 **ITV News Anglia;** Weather.
6.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.45 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill discovers an illegitimate son and observes strange mating rituals.
7.15 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** With Karen Barber, Dick Strawbridge, Catherine Tyldesley and Russell Kane.
8.15 **The X Factor.** The acts battle to win places in next week's final.
9.45 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present highlights from the past 24 hours in the jungle and reveal which celebrity has fallen at the last hurdle.
10.45 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Jack Dee, Olivia Colman and Ellie Goulding.
11.50 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.**12.05am FA Cup Football Highlights. 1.00 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.00am The Treacle People. 6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 Anglesey Sandman Triathlon. 7.05 The Great Ethiopian Run. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. Robert tells Amy about Joanne. **11.30 The Big Bang Theory. 12.30pm The Simpsons. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Sandown Park and Aintree. **4.10 Come Dine with Me.**

6.45 **Channel 4 News.**
7.15 **FILM: Stephen Hawking: A Brief History of Mine (2013).** Premiere. Documentary about the renowned physicist's life and work.
9.00 **FILM: Unknown (2011).** A doctor wakes up from a coma to find another man is claiming to be him, and any evidence of his real identity has disappeared. Thriller, starring Liam Neeson and Diane Kruger.
11.20 **FILM: Neds (2010).** Premiere. A studious teenager in 1970s Glasgow follows in his elder brother's footsteps by joining a violent street gang. Drama, starring Conor McCarron and Gregg Forrest.

1.40am Stand Up for the Week. 2.25 Hollyoaks. 4.35 90210. 5.15 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.05 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.40 Slugterra. 11.05 Stobart: Trucks, Trains & Planes. 12.05pm Stop! Police Interceptors. 1.00 Almost Dead: Scariest Near Misses. 2.00 FILM: It's Christmas, Carol! (2012). Fantasy, starring Emmanuelle Vaugier. **3.45 FILM: Christmas Song (2012).** Premiere. Romantic drama, with Natasha Henstridge and Gabe Hogan. **5.35 FILM: Matchmaker Santa (2012).** Premiere. Romantic comedy, with Lacey Chabert and Adam Mayfield.

7.10 **FILM: Road to Christmas (2006).** Romantic comedy drama, starring Jennifer Grey and Clark Gregg.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **The Bible.** Joshua lays siege to the walls of Jericho, Samson is betrayed by Delilah in his battle against the Philistines and David becomes a hero after defeating Goliath.
10.55 **FILM: A Perfect Christmas (2012).** Premiere. Festive fantasy, starring Claire Coffee.

12.35am SuperCasino. 3.05 Blackbeard's Last Stand – Revealed. 3.55 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

Atlantis, Saturday, BBC1, 8.15pm

The X Factor, Saturday, ITV, 8.15pm

Hebburn, Sunday, BBC2, 11pm

Homeland, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets John Simpson. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15pm MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. **1.15 Bargain Hunt. 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer. 3.15 Escape to the Country. 4.15 Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas. 5.15 Songs of Praise. 5.50 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

6.20 **Countryfile.** The team is in Cheshire, where John Craven visits Jodrell Bank Observatory, and Helen Skelton meets fantasy author Alan Garner.
7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Another couple perform their last dance and Robbie Williams performs.
8.00 **The Paradise.** Moray risks everything to be rid of Tom. Last in the series.
9.00 **Britain and the Sea.** British seaside arts and leisure. Last in the series.
10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day 2.** Arsenal v Everton and Fulham v Aston Villa.
11.30 **FILM: The Good Shepherd (2006).** Fact-based spy drama, starring Matt Damon.

2.05am Weatherview. 2.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.40 FILM: The Mouse That Roared (1959). Comedy, starring Peter Sellers. **8.00 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.30 Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. 12.00pm Live European Cross-Country Championships.** Jonathan Edwards presents coverage from Belgrade, Serbia. **1.55 Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The opening session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York.

6.00 **Flog It!** From Sunderland's Stadium of Light.
7.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Coverage of the second session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
11.00 **Hebburn.** Sarah is shocked when her dad turns up and reveals he has left her mother, while Gervaise is not best pleased when Vicki invites Lindsay to help him record his debut album.
11.30 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** Dizzee Rascal hosts, with Jamie Cullum, Aston Merrygold, Foxes and Katherine Ryan.

12.00am FILM: Donkeys (2010). Premiere. Comedy drama, starring James Cosmo. **1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 2.10 Sign Zone: Holby City. 3.10 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Storage Hoarders. 10.30 Sunday Side Up. 11.30 Sunday Scoop. 12.30pm ITV News and Weather; Weather. **12.35 Inside the National Trust.** A Georgian wedding takes place at Wordsworth House. **1.30 Live FA Cup Football.** Tamworth v Bristol City (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.30 The X Factor.**

6.00 **You've Been Framed!**
6.30 **ITV News Anglia;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
7.00 **Coronation Street.** Hour-long episode. Nick tells David to leave the Street.
8.00 **The X Factor Results.** Featuring performances by Leona Lewis and Michael Buble.
9.00 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec follow the finalists' last 24 hours in the Australian jungle, reveal the results of the public vote and crown this year's winner. Last in the series.
10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.20 **FA Cup Football Highlights.** Action from the concluding second-round fixtures.
11.05 **FILM: Red Heat (1988).** Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and James Belushi.

1.00am The Store. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.10am The Hoobs. 6.35 The American Football Show. 7.30 Snowman Triathlon. 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.30 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm The Big Bang Theory. 1.30 The Simpsons. 3.05 Gadget Man. 3.40 FILM: City of Ember (2008). Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **5.25 FILM: Home Alone (1990).** Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin.

7.30 **Channel 4 News.**
8.00 **New Secrets of the Terracotta Warriors – Secret History.** Recent discoveries about China's Terracotta Army, a collection of ceramic sculptures dating back more than 2,000 years.
9.00 **Homeland.** Brody embarks on a high-stakes mission, but his fragile condition threatens its success, while Quinn makes an uncomfortable discovery about Carrie.
10.00 **FILM: Hanna (2011).** Premiere. A teenage girl trained by her father to be an assassin travels the world on a secret mission, pursued by the CIA. Action thriller, with Saoirse Ronan and Cate Blanchett.

12.05am Fresh Meat. 12.55 American Football Live. All the action from a match in the NFL. **4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 5.15 Countdown.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Slugterra. The Shane Gang tracks down a dangerous creature. **11.00 Inside Hollywood. 11.05 Cowboy Builders.** A house near Newcastle-upon-Tyne with more than 100 faults. **12.00pm FILM: Help for Christmas (2012).** Premiere. Fantasy, starring Summer Glau. **1.45 FILM: Dear Santa (2011).** Romantic comedy, starring Amy Acker and David Haydn-Jones. **3.30 FILM: The Goonies (1985).** Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **5.50 FILM: Pearl Harbor (2001).** Romantic Second World War drama, with Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale.

8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991).** An outlawed English nobleman recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, with Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman and Morgan Freeman. Edited for violence and language.

12.00am FILM: Wrong Turn (2003). Horror, starring Eliza Dushku. **1.35 SuperCasino. 3.05 The Gadget Show Christmas Special. 3.55 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.05 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.**

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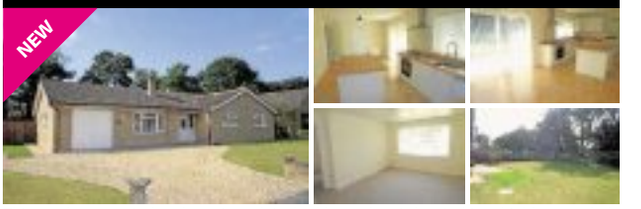
Prickwillow **£1,150 pcm**

This good sized and well presented detached 3 bedroom house is situated within the delightful Fenland village of Prickwillow. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, cloakroom/w.c, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, large master bedroom, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and driveway.

Kirtling **£650 pcm**

Delightful 3 bedroom cottage located in an idyllic position with views of countryside to the front an set within the picturesque village of Kirtling.

Lakenheath **£1,800 pcm**



This newly renovated and spacious detached bungalow is located in a highly regarded area of the village of Lakenheath. Accommodation consists of a large reception hall, lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite shower, 2 further double bedrooms, study/bedroom 4 and family bathroom.

West Row **£1,100 pcm**

Detached 3 bedroom bungalow situated overlooking open countryside near to the river. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, large open plan lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 double bedrooms and family bathroom.

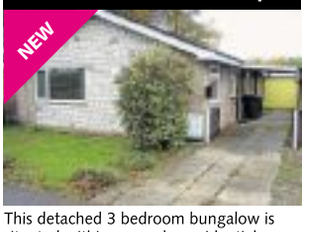
Brandon **£1,200 pcm**

This detached 4 bedroom house is situated on the edge of Brandon within walking distance of the town centre. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, cloakroom/w.c, lounge, dining room, master bedroom with en-suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom.

Fordham **£1,250 pcm**

This very well presented, recently updated and spacious 3 bedroom Victorian house is situated within the sought after village of Fordham. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, lounge, dining room, luxury fitted kitchen, utility room, large master bedroom with luxury en-suite, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom.

Newmarket **£880 pcm**



This detached 3 bedroom bungalow is situated within a popular residential area of Newmarket backing onto paddocks.

Herringswell **£880 pcm**

Delightfully positioned detached 3 bedroom bungalow backing onto fields in a semi rural location. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining room, 2 double and 1 single bedroom and family bathroom.

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Lakenheath **£275,000**

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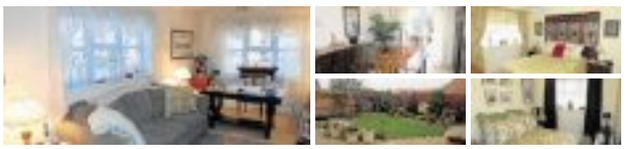


Being one of the largest properties on this modern development, this 4 bedroom detached house would make an ideal family home with ample living space to the ground floor. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, en-suite and bathroom.

Mildenhall **£169,950**

NEW

This semi detached 3 bedroom cottage is located close to the edge of Mildenhall and is offered to the market with NO ONWARD CHAIN. Accommodation consists of cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and sun room.

Hockwold **£350,000**

NEW

Located down a quiet lane within the well served village of Hockwold, this spacious detached house offers diverse accommodation consisting of a cloakroom, lounge/dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, study. utility, four bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom and an additional annexe.

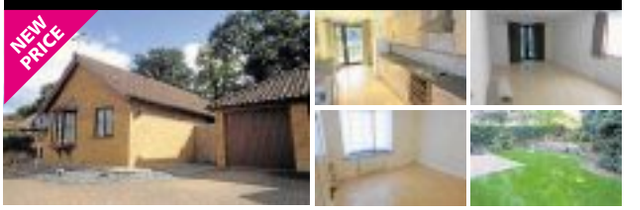
Mildenhall **£300,000**

NEW

With accommodation in excess of 2100 sq ft, this rather deceptive town centre property makes an ideal family home with added benefits to include off road parking and a detached double garage to the rear. Viewing is highly recommended.

Lakenheath **£179,995**

NEW PRICE



This modern and well presented detached 3 bedroom bungalow is located towards the end of a small cul-de-sac and is offered to the market with NO ONWARD CHAIN. Accommodation consists of a reception hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom.

Newmarket £135,000 Leasehold

This ground floor 2 bedroom apartment is situated just north of the High Street and is offered to the market with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Mildenhall **£179,950**

NEW PRICE

Offered to the market with NO ONWARD CHAIN, this detached 3 bedroom bungalow is located towards the end of small cul-de-sac and has been extended to the side to create 2 bedrooms and allowed the creation of a spacious lounge/dining room.

Newmarket **£207,000**

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Cambridge 13 miles - Bury St Edmunds 15 miles

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EPC Rating: C

NEWMARKET

Cambridge 13 miles - Bury St Edmunds 12 miles

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A stunning Grade II Listed farmhouse situated in a quiet location in the sought after village of Cowlinge. Drawing room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, study, cloakroom, 6 bedrooms, bathroom. Double garage and gardens.

In all about 1 acre.

Guide £650,000

CHEVELEY

Newmarket 3 miles - Bury St Edmunds 15 miles

A tastefully presented 2258 sq ft property set within stunning gardens. Sitting room, dining room, garden room, family room, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, 5 bedrooms (1 en suite), 2 bathrooms. Double garage and garden.

Guide £569,995

EPC Rating: D

KIRTLING

Newmarket 5 miles - Bury St Edmunds 13 miles

A beautifully presented 1734sq.ft Grade II Listed cottage situated in a quiet location. Sitting room, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom. Double garage and garden.

Guide £535,000

NEWMARKET

Bury St Edmunds 13 miles - Cambridge 13 miles

A 1992 sq ft detached property in a popular location close to amenities. Sitting room, dining room, garden room, kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms (1 en suite), bathroom. Garage and gardens.

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Newmarket £249,000

A well presented & deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached family house occupying a prominent position within this popular residential development.

The property has been cleverly extended to the rear of the property and as a result offers a superb family living space. The property also benefits from a good sized private garden, off road parking and a garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN!

EPC: D

Newmarket £138,995

A very smart 2 bedroom semi detached modern house providing attractive, well presented accommodation.

Set within a popular residential development north of the town centre and within easy reach of shopping and leisure facilities.

EPC: D

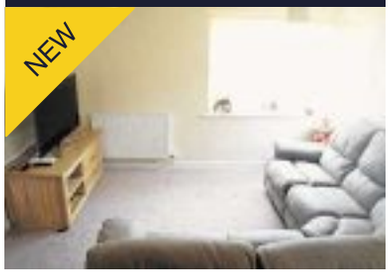
Snailwell £239,950

A beautifully presented and individual 2/3 bedroom detached cottage style bungalow sitting in a good size and private plot set back from the road in the heart of this much sought after village.

The property provides well proportioned and flexible living accommodation and offers something a little different. Internal inspection is a must to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

EPC rating: E

Newmarket £63,000



A modern 2 bedroom shared ownership ground floor flat in a quiet residential development close to Newmarket town centre. Asking price for a 50% share. EPC: B

Cheveley £189,950

A well presented 2 bedroom detached bungalow occupying a pleasant corner plot. Benefiting from an enclosed garden, garage & off road parking. EPC: D

Newmarket £118,000

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Newmarket £229,500

A well presented & extended 3 bedroom semi detached family house standing in a popular established residential area. EPC Rating: D

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Newmarket £625

Located on the much sought after south side of Newmarket this modern 2 bedroom ground floor flat has been sympathetically refurbished and offers light and airy accommodation.

Accommodation comprises of hall, 1 double bedroom, 1 single bedroom, kitchen, sitting/dining room, bathroom with shower over bath, off road parking.

EPC: TBC

Soham £1,200

A 4 bedroom detached family house situated on the outskirts of this popular village offering an array of amenities.

The property comprises of hall, wc, study, kitchen, utility, dining room overlooking rear garden, sitting room, 3 first floor double bedrooms 2 with ensuites, 1 single bedroom, family bathroom, gas central heating, garage and off road parking.

EPC: C

Newmarket £550

A very smart and unique furnished 1 bedroom first floor apartment of charm and character conveniently situated south of the town centre and close to the railway station.

Hall, shower room, double bedroom, kitchen area with white goods, sitting room and off road parking for 1 car. Available mid December.

EPC: D

Newmarket £725

A modern and spacious 2 bedroom house situated off New Cheveley Road in Newmarket.

The property offers lounge/dining room, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, bathroom, off road parking & communal garden.

EPC: C

Newmarket £700

A well presented & modern 2 bedroom detached house overlooking a small green & set within a popular development north of the town.

The property benefits from a sitting room, kitchen, bathroom with shower, double glazed windows, gas radiator heating, enclosed garden and garage en bloc.

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EPC: E

Newmarket £645

A terraced house located a south of Newmarket High Street.

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EPC: D

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NEWMARKET £169,000 NEW

A spacious end terrace three bedroom cottage centrally located within striking distance of the High Street and railway line. A fully enclosed rear garden and useful outhouse. EPC (tbc)

BURWELL £75,000

A GROUND FLOOR 1 bedroom apartment located close to the village centre for occupation by persons of minimum 55 years of age. Beautiful communal grounds. No chain. EPC (C).

NEWMARKET £167,500 NEW

An attractive modern property set within a well regarded cul-de-sac. Includes living room, kitchen/dining room, two double bedrooms, south west facing garden and parking. EPC (D)

NEWMARKET £249,950 NEW

A detached and extended family home set within an established residential area. Includes living room, sitting room with dining area, kitchen, cloakroom, utility area, three bedrooms and a first floor bathroom. Fully enclosed rear garden, off road parking and garage facilities. EPC (F)

CHIPPENHAM £850,000 GUIDE PRICE NEW

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Guide Price £835,000 FF54798

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A beautifully presented and extended period family house enjoying views towards Ely Cathedral.
Reception Hall • Drawing Room • Play Room/Study • Kitchen/Dining/Family Room • Utility Room • Cloakroom • Master Bedroom with Dressing Room and En-Suite Bathroom • 4 Further Bedrooms • 3 Bath/Shower Rooms • Driveway • Parking • Large Garden • EPC Rating 'D'.

Guide Price £675,000 FF54653

BURWELL

A beautifully presented and impressive detached period style family house.
3 Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Utility Room • Basement Playroom/Study • Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room • 3 Further Bedrooms • 3 Bath/Shower Rooms (1 En-Suite) • Second Floor Bedroom 5 and Games Room • Driveway and Parking • Double Garage • Rear Garden • EPC Rating 'C'.

Guide Price £650,000 FF54578

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An attractive and well presented terraced Victorian townhouse situated in a sought after location, within walking distance of the High Street.
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Guide Price £185,000 FF54799

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An extended and fully renovated family house in this well served village.
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Newmarket **£550,000**

A magnificent individual five bedroom detached family home nearing completion in a much sought after location close to the town. There are many fine features to this home and viewing is essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer.

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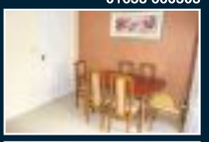

Bittern Grove **£224,950**

A versatile 4 bedroom town house:- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting room, Dining room, Kitchen, Master bedroom with En-suite, Three further bedrooms, Family bathroom and Shower room, Garden and Garage. EPC "C"

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Soham **£185,000**

An individual three bedroom detached modern family home situated in a non estate location with views over the common and close to the town. EPC "D"

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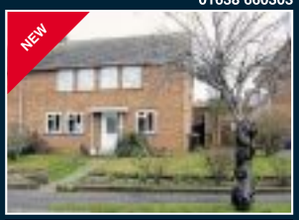

Newmarket **£123,950**

BUY TO LET!!!! A spacious ground floor two bedroom maisonette with a large garden currently rented out at £610 per month. EPC D

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Isleham **£310,000**

A detached home which has been doubled in size to give a spacious four bedroom house with views over farmland front and rear. The project is nearing completion with just the garage and gardens to be finished. EPC C.

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Burwell **£179,995**

A spacious three bedroom semi detached bungalow with a modern gas central heating system, Upvc double glazing, off road parking and enclosed garden. With no upward chain this is well worth a look!! EPC "C"

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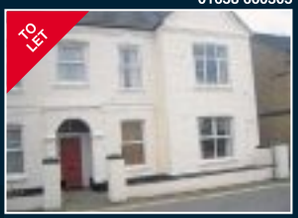

Soham **£540**

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Exning £360,000

Little Orchard is a beautifully presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow standing in a non-estate location. The property includes a conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite, separate shower room and a remote controlled gas fired central heating system installed by British Gas. EPC: D.

Burwell £165,000

A 2 bedroom semi-detached bungalow with excelent accommodation comprising kitchen with built in appliances, large conservatory, shower room, gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. The property also has the benefit of a well stocked enclosed rear garden, car port and driveway. NO CHAIN.

Exning £300,000

A modern individual detached bungalow standing in large secluded gardens with a frontage to a small stream with parkland views beyond. The impressive accommodation includes a cloakroom, kitchen / breakfast room, large sitting room, separate dining room & 2 double bedrooms. EPC: D

Freckenham £470,000

An exceptional four bedroom modern detached bungalow, standing in a non-estate location approached by a private driveway. The accommodation includes: an impressive large fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, two reception rooms and three en-suite shower and bath rooms. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC: C

Newmarket £295,000

An attractive 3 bedroom detached house standing in a highly regarded development conveniently located South of the town centre. The property has been well maintained and benefits from an open plan sitting room / dining room, a modern fitted kitchen, a utility room, and a ground floor cloakroom. NO CHAIN. EPC:D.

Barton Mills £420,000

Eastfield House is an elegant part Regency detached period property standing in established gardens and situated immediately adjacent to the A11 dual carriageway. The property retains a wealth of period character, and offers outstanding accommodation with exceptional potential for improvement. EPC: F

Newmarket £155,000

A beautifully presented 2 bedroom end of terraced house standing in a sought after location, just south of the town centre. The property includes: 2 reception rooms, a modern fitted kitchen, bathroom, and an enclosed rear garden. EXCELLENT VALUE. NO CHAIN. EPC: PENDING.

Exning £579,950

A substantial Georgian style detached house standing in a superb position with far reaching views over paddocks. The property was constructed by highly respected builders Hopkin Homes and offers extensive family accommodation including 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms and 4 bath/shower rooms. EPC: D

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Charming Victorian cottage

Burwell: £197,000

- Burwell
- Two bedrooms
- Landscaped rear garden
- Family bathroom
- £197,500

A CHARMING two bedroom Victorian cottage in The Causeway, Burwell, is on the market with a guide price of £197,500. It has a living room, dining area and kitchen, while upstairs are the two bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a small front garden and a landscaped rear garden.
Viewing is by prior arrangement with Pocock & Shaw on (01638) 668284.

Dullingham: £515,000

A NEWLY-built four bedroom home in The Green, Dullingham is on the market for £515,000.
It offers accommodation over three storeys including a hall, living room, ground floor cloakroom, open-plan dining room/kitchen and utility room, three bedrooms all with en suites on the first floor, and a bedroom and shower room on the second floor.

For further details or to view this home, call Whatley Lane Estate Agents on (01638) 561187.

Meynell Gardens: £465,000

POLLERTON is a substantial detached property with four bedrooms that is now on the market in Meynell Gardens, Newmarket, for £465,000.
It has accommodation including a sitting room, garden room, dining room, kitchen, rear hall and utility room.
Upstairs the master suite has a bedroom, dressing area and en suite shower, and there are also three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.
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Avoid floodwater risks

MANY drivers display a devil-may-care attitude to flooded roads, according to a survey.

Nearly 2 per cent would ignore a road-closed sign, while 42 per cent would blindly follow the vehicle in front if it managed to cross a flooded road successfully, the poll shows.

Around a quarter of drivers (27 per cent) would attempt to go through moving floodwater nearly 12in (30cm) deep, according to the Populus survey conducted for the Environment Agency and the AA.

Both the agency and the motoring group strongly advise not entering floodwater that is moving or is more than 4in (10cm) deep.

Those living in the North East are most cavalier about driving through deeply flooded roads, with men and those aged 55-64 most likely to attempt to negotiate high water-level routes, the survey suggests.

The poll results are based on responses from 21,165 AA members.

Phil Rothwell, head of flood strategy and engagement at the Environment Agency, said: "Tragically, people die because they've taken risks and attempted to drive through floodwater just to save a few minutes. Floodwater is dangerous, dirty and it can carry disease.

"If there is widespread flooding in your area then don't travel and if a road is closed then turn around and make a detour. Your journey could take you a little longer but making the right decision could ultimately save your life."

Darron Burness, head of the AA's flood rescue team, said: "The 9,000 vehicles driven into floodwater that the AA attended last year tell only half the story.

"There are thousands of other drivers who, perhaps unwittingly, came so close to coming a cropper."

WHY?: Drivers should always adjust their behaviour to conditions!
Picture: Geoff Robinson Photography

STRONG: The all-new Mazda3 is now on sale at EMG Motor Group

Ace residuals for new Mazda3

BUSINESSES taking delivery of the all-new Mazda3, which goes on sale in January, will be making an excellent choice as as depreciation rates in cash terms are among the best in the sector taking account of both volume and premium badge rivals.

Data from vehicle information providers CAP suggests that at the fleet benchmark of three years/60,000 miles, the all-new Mazda3 will retain up to 37 per cent of its value – comfortably out-performing key competitors.

The all-new Mazda3 will be available in two body styles – hatchback and Fastback (saloon). The 36-strong model range offers SKYACTIV technology as standard – the SKYACTIV-G 1.5-litre 100ps petrol engine delivers up to 55.4mpg on the combined cycle and emissions from 119g/km.

The valuation experts predict that the residual value pacesetters will be the 2.0-litre 5dr hatchback 120ps SE petrol (£16,940) retaining 35 per cent/£5,950.

For further details contact EMG Motor Group on 08448 463 512 or visit *emgmotorgroup.com*.

NEW ERA: The New Mini will be Cowley-built

Asian debut for new Mini

FRESH from its world debut at the Cowley plant where it will be built, the new third-generation Mini has made its Asian debut at the Tokyo Motor Show.

Both the modern Mini, and the original Issigonis Mini before it, are extremely popular in Japan where its strong British identity and high degree of personalisation hold strong appeal. The third generation version will build on that with its enhanced looks and specification.

The new Mini will initially be available in Cooper, Cooper D and Cooper S forms with new engines on all models; a three-cylinder petrol, three-cylinder diesel and four-cylinder petrol respectively, each using turbocharging for maximum efficiency and performance. With a six-speed manual gearbox as standard plus the option of a six-speed automatic on all models.

Inside the Mini has a revamped cabin with a choice of new displays including a large 8.8-inch monitor, more space for passengers and luggage and clever LED lighting. Keyless go is now also standard across the range.

The new Mini goes on sale in the UK in the spring, with prices starting at £15,300 for the Cooper, £16,450 for the Cooper D and £18,650 for the Cooper S.

A MINI-CAYENNE: The Porsche Macan is priced from £43,300

Porsche unveils Macan

PORSCHE has unveiled its new Macan compact SUV, tipped to take its sector by storm.

At 4.68 metres long and 1.92 metres wide, the smaller brother to the hugely successful Cayenne is a considerably more manageable size than its full-size sibling, as well as being more affordable and still packed with performance.

Two closely-related turbocharged petrol engines are being touted by Porsche as the initial flagship powerplants. The Macan S uses a 3.0-litre unit with 336bhp and 339lb ft, while the 3.6-litre Macan Turbo puts out 395bhp and 406lb ft.

Performance figures for the Turbo model include a top speed of 165mph and the ability to sprint from 0-62mph in 4.8 seconds – a length of time that falls by 0.2 seconds if the optional Sport Chrono pack is specified.

A diesel model is offered as the 'touring' Macan, with a larger cruising range linked to its lower fuel consumption. The Macan S Diesel can return more than 46mpg for a range of 611 miles, despite weighing almost 1.9 tonnes and boasting both 254bhp and 428lb ft – more torque than the Macan Turbo.

In the UK the Macan S and the Macan S Diesel will both cost £43,300, with the Turbo starting at £59,300.

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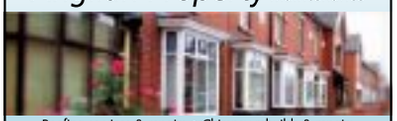

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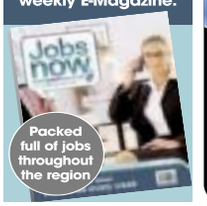
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Round-up

Hockey

An early goal leaves Town beaten again

NEWMARKET suffered another blow in their East Women's League, Division 3NW(S) campaign as they lost their second match in a row.

Their opponents were St Ives II, who have had a very consistent season so far, and their fate was sealed early in the game.

Just a few minutes in, the Saints broke up field to score the only goal of the match.

Sadly the situation did not improve for Town as they were unable to halt St Ives' runs or find passages to goal themselves.

Despite some confident passing around the back of the field, Newmarket struggled to escape their markers and get to the ball first.

Town were reduced to 10 players just before the break due to a stray tackle, but St Ives were unable to take advantage of this situation.

And short-corner chances also failed to deliver for Newmarket.

This mid-season blip has pushed Town down to third place in the league table, behind the two teams who have defeated them.

Boxing

Morfey bags second win

LEE Morfey picked up his second victory in a row at a show in Great Yarmouth.

The New Astley puncher took on an opponent from Colchester's Centurion ABC and clinched a unanimous decision success.

Morfey gave away experience to his adversary, but had a two-and-a-half kilogram weight advantage going into the contest.

Coach Mark O'Reilly said he was pleased with the way Morfey performed.

He said: "Lee dominated the first two rounds and then the other kid came back into it a little bit in the last round.

"But Lee was too far ahead at that point and he was too quick, plus the size difference helped him, so that's two out of two for him now this season.

"We've just got to keep our feet on the ground and see where we go.

"Lee is the type of boy who would box every week if you let him, and while it's nice to have that, you've got to look after him."

Wayne Bayliss has quit after losing on his recent comeback.

Rugby union

Damage done in first half by Newmarket

NEWMARKET did the hard work in the first half of their 29-7 win over Southwold in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

Josh Parry, Lewis Smith, Michael Faulkner-Dunkley and Pat Kearney and two conversions from Michael Reeves gave Newmarket a 24-0 half-time lead.

"We had all the ball but we were making bad decisions really," said director of rugby Gareth Godfrey.

"We maintained possession very well but we just didn't do the right things with it.

"We made a few changes at half time and in the second half we scored a try, they scored a try, Adam Smith got a yellow card and it got very dark, that's all that happened."

Newmarket's try was a second in as many weeks for Michael Cocks.

Godfrey said: "We just made changes, tried a few things and lost a bit of momentum. The spark went out of it as the game was won and it petered out really.

"A bonus-point win is all you can ask for really, although we would have liked more tries.

"West Norfolk didn't get a bonus point on Saturday and although Ely did, we have got a game in hand on them.

"And it's the last round of the first half of the season this weekend."

This Saturday, Newmarket are away to Swaffham.

■ Jack Barker ran in three tries as Newmarket colts ran out 53-5 victors over Swaffham. James Pritchard, Hanif Cawston, Dan Bristow and Kieran Pearson also went over, while Jack Morris nailed three conversions and Ethan Brown added one.

Athletics

Shand is the Joggers' ultra history-making man

ALAN Shand created history for Newmarket Joggers as he completed the Winter100 Ultra Race at the weekend.

The Winter100 is a continuous trail race based in the village of Stretley, with the course reflecting the shape of a cross and taking runners on a series of four different 25-mile out-and-back routes.

Shand has completed two ultra races this year, the SVP 100km in 12hr 58min and the North Norfolk 100km in 12hr 33min, despite having to run 65-and-a-half miles instead of the 62 miles because of a signage error.

He completed back-to-back marathons last year, completing the Paris one in 3hr 54min and then London in 3hr 56min before going on to run the Comrades Marathon for the second time in 10hr 16min.

But this was his first time contesting the 100-mile distance, and he had Newmarket Joggers club members following him on social media as he was logged through various check points.

Shand is the first person from the club to run the distance, and he contended with 14 hours of darkness to finish in 24hr 38min 18sec, for 43rd overall out of 69 finishers, with 21 runners dropping out on the day.

Another first for the Joggers this weekend was achieved by Tracey Apperley, who became the first person from the club to contest the Cardington Cracker fell race in Shropshire.

The nine-mile event features 2,600 feet of tough fell climbing and is well renowned as something of an institution in the diary of fell runners.

And Apperley finished in 2:14.27 and was seventh in the LV45 category.

Ben Blowes and Paul Holley ran the Nene Valley 10-mile race, with Blowes finishing in 1hr 6min, his best time over the distance this year, and Holley completing the event in 57min.

Marcus Gynn set a personal best of 21min 28sec to finish 61st out of 325 runners in the Cambridge Parkrun, Steve Edwards clocked 19.25 and Isabel Vicente crossed the line in 30.16.

Football

Five-star victory for college side

NEWMARKET College under-18s secured their biggest win of the season as they beat Long Road 5-1.

The goals were shared between Lewis Taylor, Kyle Waslin and Oliver Green.

Newmarket now aim to close in on the leading teams in the Cambridge Colleges League.

The team is run in partnership with Newmarket Town and offers a number of aspiring players the chance to further their talent for football with both the college and the club.

"This is a very successful scheme and this year we have had our best set of results to date," said Mark Kirby, who runs the Newmarket Football Advanced Skills Centre.

"We have a number of boys representing the college and the football club. Long may this successful partnership continue."

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Football

Boss Appleford is delighted with his Mildenhall battlers

CHRISTIAN Appleford declared Mildenhall's brave display against the odds at Clacton in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division as one of his proudest moments at the club.

Everything seemed to go against the visitors, both before and during the match, but they fought hard and salvaged a 2-2 draw from an exceedingly difficult afternoon.

A raft of players being unavailable was bad enough for the manager, but Appleford then lost the services of striker Richard Logan late on Friday night after he decided to complete a move to Needham Market.

It all meant teenagers Isaac Smith, who is 18, and Aiden Course and Ben Smith, who are both 16, had to be named on the bench alongside Appleford himself.

And, incredibly, all three teenagers found themselves on the pitch by the time the second half was only five minutes old as Dave Werthmann, Kris Thomas and Dan Hitching were all forced off by injury.

But it was Mildenhall who broke the deadlock thanks to Isaac Smith's close-range header, before the hosts came back to lead 2-1 at the break.

Appleford's men were not to be denied, however, and they showed plenty of character to keep going until the end to level matters through Allicion Blake.

"Initially you'd look at it and think it was a disappointing result, but, in the circumstances, it was definitely a good point," said Appleford.

"We were down to the bare 11 with six players out, and then we lost Richard Logan with no time to bring in anyone else. We had to have three youth-team players on the bench, along with myself, and the three of them had to go on.

"We were really up against it, but we dug in and got the equaliser, which was the least we deserved from a really battling performance, and we even had players on the pitch at the end who should have come off but had to play through the pain barrier.

"They showed real team spirit, so it was a really proud point. We've had some good results here, but that was right up there with my proudest results.

"The players really put in a shift for the club. It was wholehearted and people went through the mill for the club, and even with all that stuff against us we could have come away with the three points."

But there were no points for Kevin Grainger's Newmarket side in the Premier Division as they suffered a 2-1 home defeat to Brantham Athletic.

INJURY: Dave Werthmann was one of three Mildenhall players to be forced off in the draw with Clacton

Racing

The Fugue is the 'one to beat' in Hong Kong Vase

THE Fugue arrived safely at Sha Tin on Monday and appears the one to beat in Sunday's Hong Kong Vase, according to the connections of her main rivals.

John Gosden's charge flew in with the Jeremy Noseda-trained Grandeur, who contests the Hong Kong Cup on the same card at the weekend, early on Monday.

The four-year-old was last seen when being denied by Magician in the dying strides of the Breeders' Cup Turf and she will try to get back on the winning track in Sunday's 12-furlong heat.

Melbourne Cup second Red Cadeaux won the race last year but he will have to concede weight to The Fugue, a factor which is not lost on connections.

Robin Trevor-Jones, travelling head lad to trainer Ed Dunlop, said: "He's as fit as a flea. Gerald (Mosse) has such a great record on him including winning this last year, but he has never ridden him in work and we are not planning to change that successful formula anytime soon.

"And after the amazing job Gerald did with him in Melbourne last month from such a difficult draw, I'm not even getting too worried about what gate he gets on Thursday.

"We want a proper gallop on Sunday, and I'm not sure where it is going to come from, but our main problem is The Fugue and we've got to give her 4lb. Without her, we are the one to beat."

Red Cadeaux enjoyed a spin on the all-weather track at Sha Tin on Monday and Mount Athos, who finished third in Melbourne, was another to have an easy stretch.

Charlie Henson, assistant trainer to Luca Cumani, said: "I'm very happy with him (Mount Athos). His work on Saturday was very good – exactly what we wanted – and he looks to be in good shape.

"He ran his last 400 metres in 22.6 seconds and it was a similar gallop to his work immediately before the Melbourne Cup.

"His work at Werribee before coming here was good and he's holding his condition in good fashion. It's very different here compared to Werribee. So much more to see, so much more going on but he's settled in well."

Dandino finished fifth in Australia and his team were satisfied with what they saw in a light canter.

Paul Francis, travelling head lad to trainer Marco Botti, said: "He's had a nice canter. I'm pleased with his coat considering how cold it was in Melbourne, and though he's fit he comes here fresher than last year having had less races. The Fugue is the one to beat."

■ John Ferguson, bloodstock advisor for Sheikh Mohammed, paid 4million guineas for Dancing Rain at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale in Newmarket on Monday evening.

The five-year-old mare, winner of the Epsom and German Oaks when trained by William Haggas, is in foal to Frankel.

Dancing Rain, a daughter of Danehill Dancer, was a renowned front-runner on the Flat and also claimed the British Champions Fillies' And Mares' Stakes at Ascot in 2011.

Ferguson said: "This game is all about reducing the odds, and for us to get the greatest chance of producing a Classic winner, buying Dancing Rain reduces the odds.

"You can have lots of mares, but you need jewels – Sheikh Mohammed felt that she's a jewel."

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